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SUMMARY.

It is officially stated in Berlin that the German Emperor is suffering from feverish bronchial catarrh.

He has been obliged to postpone his return to the front for some days.

A terrible collision occurred between two German trains laden with pyrozilin and shells at Kleice.

Both were utterly destroyed, and none of those on board the trains survived. The explosion was heard 30 miles away.

A Chicago University professor announces the discovery of a new process to triple the present strength of steel.

The new process, it is claimed, would enable fortifications to resist the heaviest guns.

A French airman dropped a bomb near Meinault, and exploded three cars of an ammunition train.

It is reported in Berlin that Lods has been captured by the Germans. There were public demonstrations.

It is officially stated that the rebel leader, General Beyers, is believed to have been drowned crossing the Vaal River.

Sir R. L. Borden, at the Canadian Club, controverted Bernhardi's statement that the self-governing colonies might be ignored.

He said that before the war closed Germany would be confronted with a quarter of a million soldiers from the Dominions.

The enemy is more active along the Yser and around Ypres. The Allies' artillery rolled successfully.

The brilliant attack by the Allies, which carried the Vermilles and Rutoire position, marked the end of a determined struggle.

The Allies' heavy artillery dispersed several of the enemy's positions on the Aisne and in the Champagne district.

The British have recaptured Passchendaele, near Ypres.

The first stage of the present battle has ended by the Germans being thrown back from Lowicz to Lask.

The army is now threatening Lods and Petrikow, hoping thereby to hamper Russian operations near Cracow.

The latest German attack from Kalisz has spent itself.

The Germans lost over 100,000 killed in the Lods district.

It is impossible to estimate the wounded, for which scores of trains continue to pass Kalisz.

It is officially stated in Petrograd that the defence of Lods was not urgent after the failure of the German offensive.

It is probable that the Russian line in the Lods region will be reformed.

Some Russian newspapers interpret the position as an evacuation.

It is officially stated in Berlin that the Germans in the east and south of Lods are pursuing the retreating Russians.

The Swedish steamer Norre Sverige was sunk by a mine on the coast of Finland. The crew perished.

President Wilson, in opening Congress, said he objected entirely to compulsory military service.

Although some Americans were nervous and excited, there was no need, he remarked, to turn the country into a military camp.

The Central and South American Republics are taking steps towards a more vigorous assertion of neutral nations' responsibilities.

The Chief of the Senussi is meeting adherents in Egypt for the purpose of affirming loyalty to Great Britain.

United States troops have been sent to Naco to protect the lives of Americans threatened by the Mexican fighting.

Alderman Richards has been re-elected Lord Mayor of Sydney. The ballot system was adopted.

After the election the Lord Mayor contended that he had lived up to the promises he had made when first elected.

Mr. J. A. Arthur, Minister for External Affairs, who had been suffering from heart trouble for some months, died yesterday.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Minister, both Federal Houses adjourned directly they assembled.

The Premier made a further statement in the Assembly upon the public works proposal at Norton Griffiths and Co.

The Government, he said, would take full responsibility, and go on with the negotiations.

The consideration of the Wheat Acquisition Bill in committee of the Legislative Council was resumed.

An amendment altering the price to be fixed for wheat from 5s to 6s was defeated by 33 votes to 10.

In the Assembly the taxation measures were received from the Council, and agreed to.

The session closed, and the House adjourned to January 27.

Picture show owners asked Mr. Tudor to reconsider his decision in regard to the increased duty on moving picture films.

In consequence of the duty, it was pointed out, hiring houses had raised their tariff by 50 per cent.

The Minister said the duty was put on as a protective one, to encourage the production of films in Australia.

A deputation of master tanners protested to the Minister for Customs against the new duty on wattle bark.

At the close of the taking of evidence before the Interstate Commission Mr. Pidding (on) reviewed the work done.

Since the Commission was created it has heard 663 applications, involving the attendance of 1328 witnesses.

The High Court reserved judgment in the stamp duty test case.

Mr. J. N. Radcliffe has been selected as the Queensland Rhodes scholar for 1915.

Harbour works are being carried out at Captain Point, Jervis Bay.

The gross estate of the late Mr. John Darling, of Adelaide, has been sworn at £1,604,620.

The net estate was valued at slightly under £1,600,000.

The general elections will be held in New Zealand to-day. The leaders on both sides are confident as to the result.

Application to the Arbitration Court by the Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association for an award was adjourned.

The Waterside Workers' Federation applied for a variation of the award. Argument was not concluded.

The Launch Commissioner foundered off Cape Everard while being towed to Sydney by the steamer Alabama.

The increased prices of beer and spirits were referred to in the Assembly last night.

Mr. Hall said the Necessary Commodities Commission had recommended an inquiry before the prices were raised.

The Minister for Public Health announces that he is now in a position to open up new bush nursing centres.

Arrangements have been made for the shipment to England of nearly 6000 tons of lead from the Broken Hill mines.

At the wool sales yesterday 4867 bales were offered, and including private transactions, 4186 were sold.

The market was firm, being helped materially by Japanese competition.

At the Melbourne wool sales the easier tendency in medium to good top-making wools was more pronounced.

There were no new developments in the wheat trade yesterday.

Flour was quoted at £11 17s 6d, and bran and pollard at £7.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 836 tons of wheat and 100 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

Large quantities of wheat have been sent across the Murray at Albury, and at various points lower down the river.

A moderate amount of business was transacted on the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday, at irregular prices.

There was an improved tone in the Mining Market. Barrier stocks were again firm.

Forecast: Fine and cooler generally, with southerly winds, extending in the north-eastern quarter, where there is a tendency to isolated thunder showers.

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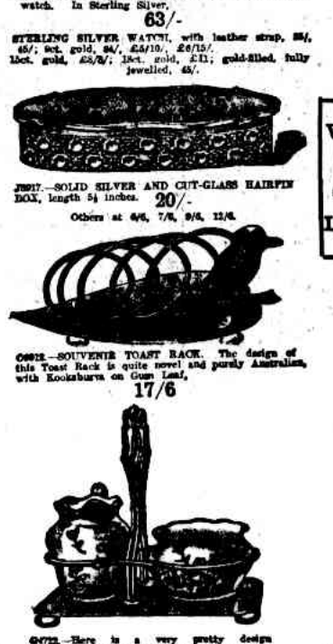

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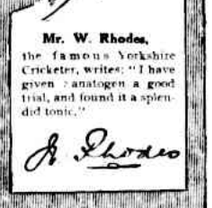

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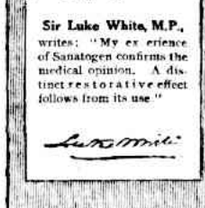

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CHAPTER XX.—Continued.

The Rathaus faced into a street at right angles to the market-place. If they could gain its shelter, Saxe argued, the door might be shut upon their enemies; or at least it might be defended, and the Elector held safe until help arrived. It was not possible that all the men in the Guard, except the handful which formed the league, were traitors. He still looked for help. At any moment a troop might come from the castle, and even wavering were likely to turn loyal if the schemes of traitors seemed on the point of failure. It was almost certain the traitors had intended that the Elector should not reach the Rathaus, that he should fall a victim to the fury of the mob; the conspirators could lament the accident, and then proceed to force their will, as the will of the people, upon the Duchess. This seemed plain to Saxe, and he argued that no plans for an attack in the Rathaus itself had been made. It was likely to be a place of temporary safety, at any rate.

"In the name of the Duchess, good people, in the name of the Duchess!"

There was still magic in the cry, though rebellion was afire. Granted a few moments speech, a strong man might have set on part of the crowd at the throats of the other.

"Forward!" cried Saxe. "Forward!" And then to Hans beside him he shouted, "Look, he's afraid of his cursed skin. By Heaven, it's my sword point for him if he comes within reach of it!"

Hans looked. There was no doubt about Prince Karl's intention now. He was using every effort to bring his men to the corner of the street mist. Whatever orders he gave were only audible to those who were with him, but he was a little less careful of the crowd now than Saxe was.

The crowd was dense at the street corner and it was the Elector's company which ploughed into it first. At the corner there was no disposition to fight, only a desire to press back out of danger; but beyond, in the street itself, resistance was to come.

"Forward!" said Saxe, and his sword was dangerous again.

"They'll shut the door against us," said the man with the bandage.

"Forward, and beware a rear attack," cried Saxe again.

It was the Elector's own men who protected their master in the rear. Saxe saw this, and was satisfied. They would be less likely to feel any scruple in killing even Prince Karl himself if necessary.

The Rathaus lay not 70 paces along the street, but for the whole distance it was a fight, the most desperate of the day. The very scum of rebellion was here; known criminals who could not afford to be taken, who, once prisoners, would certainly be sacrificed by the very men who had used them if their own safety depended on it. What defence had they? On their word no man would rely; no one would feel justified in banging the greatest villain on their evidence. They were men who lived by plunder and rapine, who had grown courageous in evil doing, and they fought now as if they were defending their last stronghold.

In the forefront were Saxe and Hans and the man with the bandaged head, three fighters who seemed instinctively to understand each other, knowing exactly the moment to strike with most effect, and the exact instant when to shield one another. And of the three, no choice could be made, it was the devil with the bandage who was most prominent. Time and again it seemed that half a dozen weapons cut at him simultaneously; yet like lightning his sword seemed to meet them, or Saxe's blade came to defend at the very moment. Desperate as Saxe was, or the sweep of Hans' mighty arm accounted for some enemy especially dangerous. And close behind them Gustav and his comrades saw to it that none of the enemy slipped passed the trio to take them in the rear. It was death to meet those first three blades; it was death to slip past them. Step by step the Elector was driven along the street. He would have struck now had any slipped past those in front of him, or had any come pressing through from the rear. From behind came no attack. The Prince and his men seemed still wedged in the midst of a dense crowd, which, for the moment at any rate, held back those other organised companies struggling towards the scene of conflict.

The door of the Rathaus was near.

"In the name of the Duchess!" Saxe cried.

The shout reached the keepers of the door. Perhaps they made a mistake, perhaps they thought those with whom they expected to enter the Rathaus had come, or the magic in the command might have affected them; but the door was not hastily barred.

Just as the little troop had fought its way to the door, a horse plunged and fell, wounded to death by a sword cut, and a yell of fierce triumph rang out, for the man with the bandaged head came to the ground. He was on his feet again before the crowd could get at him, and had his back to the wall, his sword effectually keeping a space clear in front of him.

"Down with him! Spit the devil," and a man rushed in—but only to his death.

"Dismount," Saxe shouted.

Every man was out of his saddle in an instant, and the freed horses, rearing and plunging forward, drove back the crowd. In the midst of his defenders the Elector entered the Rathaus.

"Quick! The door," cried Saxe.

One glance at the great hall had shown him that here was temporary security, at least. Once the door was barred, and busy hands were quickly at the bolts, it would take some time for their enemies to break in. During that time help might come. The Elector, as calm as if he had come through no peril, walked up the hall towards the dais at the end.

"Pardon the drawn sword, Burgomaster," he said, "but your citizens have chosen rather a rough method of welcome."

The Burgomaster was standing in his robes be the chair of office, other burghers on the dais beside him, and a few people were standing in the body of the hall. Von Lehmann did not speak. The yelling in the street had not frightened him; he had expected it, had been explaining it in his own fashion to those upon the council who had no part in the plot. He had looked to see a crowd burst into the hall, Prince Karl and guardsmen amongst them, unable to resist the people. He was prepared to hear of death and disaster in the market-place—a sudden attack upon their guest which he was powerless to prevent; he was prepared to face a howling mob making demands in the people's name; but for the coming of the Elector he was not prepared. His face showed utter consternation, and his tongue, so ready with lies as a rule, could find no words of regret to utter.

There had been a yell of execration as the door was closed; now it came again in tenfold volume, and the door seemed to give inwards with the pressure upon it. Saxe realised that the respite might not be long after all.

"To the dais!" he shouted, running up the hall. "Heaven knows how long that door will hold."

The Elector was already on the dais, but the Burgomaster moved suddenly to protest at Saxe and his companions mounted the steps.

"Captain, I—"

"Stand back!" Saxe said, pushing him roughly aside as he spoke. "Which is the door which leads to your private entrance to the Rathaus?"

"It leads only into my house, and is private."

"Which is the door?"

Saxe had to shout to make himself heard above the howling mob without, and above the hammering against the great door of the hall. The turmoil seemed to lend the Burgomaster courage, for he did not answer.

"Which is the door?" demanded Saxe, and his threatening sword compelled speech.

"That one," said von Lehmann, pointing to one which opened on to the dais behind his chair.

"See that he speaks the truth," said Saxe, turning to Hans.

"His house may be full of conspirators," whispered the man with the bandage.

"That way is only a last resource," returned Saxe in a low voice; and then loudly he went on: "Be seated, Burgomaster, and you councillors gather round your Chief. Your robes of office may protect us better than the Guard. Sit, Burgomaster," and he forced the fat man into his chair. "I'll prompt you what to say, if I want you to speak, and see you say it quickly or you'll feel the point of this sword as others have felt it to-day. No protest: do as you are told," he went on to the burghers, who were inclined to resent his orders. "If you are villains, you have come to the reckoning time. If you are honest men you suffer because of the company you are in. Will your Highness take your place here? We'll see to it that every one of these gentlemen shall give his life in your defence."

The Elector moved to the place Saxe indicated without a word. His implicit faith and obedience had foundation made Saxe's task of command easy.

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TO TROTTING MEN, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. F. PRATLEY, Bathurst, to sell on account, at their Bazaar, Camperdown (City), THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
Bay Trotting Gelding, 6 years, by Gilgai, by Huon le Jr., cab pace 2.40, a mankler, started once, ran fourth.

MILCH COWS.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will hold their regular Sale of Milch Cows at their Quay-street Yards, at 11 a.m., as above.
The following will be the order of Sale, viz.: Messrs. Jackson, Whitsah, and Bouffier.
40 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, and principal from some of the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR,
CAMPERDOWN
(CITY).

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON,
AT 2 O'CLOCK SHARP.

90 HEAD. 90 HEAD.

Comprising
HIGH-CLASS LIGHT HORSES, ARMY RE-MOUNTS, AND GUNNERS, ACTIVE VAN, BUTCHERS', BAKERS, AND CORDIAL WAGGON SORTS; LIGHT DELIVERY CART KINDS; HEAVY AND MEDIUM DRAUGHTS, 4 to 8 years' old, broken and unbroken.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,
All particulars last Saturday's issue.

HORSES. HORSES. 50 HEAD.
BEALE'S SALEYARDS, HOMEBUSH (SYDNEY).
SATURDAY NEXT, DEC. 12,
1.30 P.M.
H. BEALE AND CO.
will sell by auction,
comprising all classes, broken and unbroken, several Tipdrays and other Turnouts.
Auctioneers' Offices, 300 Pitt-street, Sydney.
Tel. City 485 and 2557.

HARRIDAY and ELLIS will sell by auction at their Horse, off 827 George-street South, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., a large consignment of Horses, Harness, &c., and a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Dogs, &c.
BUTTER, HONEY, etc., at 1.30 p.m. sharp.
POULTRY, BIRDS, GAME, etc., 2.15 p.m. sharp
POULTRY FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, Ltd., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, 3 and 4 Municipal Poultry Markets, Sydney, THIS DAY,
at 2 p.m., Eggs, Fruits, Sundries, etc.
at 1.30 p.m., Poultry of all descriptions, Buckets, etc.
J. TURNER and SONS will sell at their Rooms, Grey and Ultimo streets, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc.
at 1.15, Eggs, then Poultry.
WOOL SALES will be held TO-DAY at the Sydney Wool Exchange, at 3 p.m., as under:—
Wentworths, Carson, Ltd.: 2173 Bales.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.: 1358 Bales.
Australian Mercantile Land and Finance Co., Ltd.: 1320 Bales.
PRODUCE SALES will be held TO-DAY as under:—
Hay, Horns, etc., at 10 a.m.; Yallow, at 10.30 a.m.

TOYS, FANCY GOODS, GAMES,
FOR
THE XMAS TRADE.

BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING,
DECEMBER 10, AT 11,
at
170 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET
(on the First Floor).

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF DRESSED AND UNDRESSED DOLLS, PLAIN AND JOINTED.

MECHANICAL TOYS, Cricket Sets, Bats, Balls, Moneyboxes, Yachts, Tools, Books, Games of all sorts, Mus. Instruments, Go-Carts, 3000 Toys, Flags, Cards and Carts, and Bicycles.
Wood and CHINA TEA SETS, Children's Crockery, and Glass.
CHRISTMAS Whistles, Fans, Horses and Carts, Teams, and Farm Yards, etc.,
And
HUNDREDS OF MISCELLANEOUS SUNDRIES.

Also,
FANCY and LEATHER GOODS, comprising Ladies' and Gents.'s Dressing Cases, Albums, Purses, Bags, Fancy Boxes, Brooches, Rings, Necklets, A lovely variety, in A1 condition.
TRAVELLERS' SAMPLES, etc., etc.

MUST CLEAR THE LOT TO-DAY.

HEBDEN BRODRIBB.

FURNITURE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11, AT THE ROOMS, 170 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET.

PIANO, FURNITURE, CARPETS, FLOOR COVERING, HOUSE AND TABLE LINEN, Etc.,
including
8 LOADS FROM RANDWICK,
of Splendid Furnishings,
WITHOUT RESERVE.

HEBDEN BRODRIBB.

MOTOR CARS,
Including
ONE 15-H.P. AUSTIN MOTOR CAR, LANDAULETTE BODY, FOUR-CYLINDER, STEPNEY WHEEL, LAMPS, ETC., COMPLETE, SEATS FOUR, COST £800.

ONE 20/30 BELSIZE MOTOR CAR,
Five Seater, with Hood, Wind Screen, Lamps, Mead Magneto, in good running order.

ONE 20-H.P. L.M.C. MOTOR LORRY,
15 CWT. CAPACITY, ENGINE IN PERFECT ORDER, recently overhauled at a cost of £35, (Original Cost, £220.)
Etc., Etc., Etc.
ON VIEW THIS DAY, THURSDAY.

SPECIAL NOTE.—In consequence of the great number of lots to be offered, the Sale will COMMENCE AT 10.30 A.M. PROMPT.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FURNITURE, FINE ART, AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
195 and 198 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, NEAR PARK-ST.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 11th INST.,
AT 11 A.M.,
at
BROCKLEIGH, ILLAWARRA-ROAD,
MARRICKVILLE,
NEAR TOWN HALL.

We are instructed by A. M. BAILEY, Esq., to sell the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS of the deceased, hence without reserve, comprising:—
OAK INLAID DINING SUITE, 7 pieces, Walnut-finished SIDEBOARD, Pier Mirrors, Walnut Overmantels, Dining Tables, Mats, and H.B. Chairs.
SINGER IMPROVED No. 27 NEW CENTURY DROP-HEAD SEWING MACHINES.
BEDROOM SUITES, Combination Chests, M.T. Washstands, Toilet Tables.
Iron Bedsteads and single Bedsteads, Wires and Bedding.
Linoleum, Pictures, Ornaments, Crockery.
Kitchen Dressers, Mangles, Chaff, Safes.
Kitchen Utensils and Sundries.

G. JENKINS
will sell as above, TO-MORROW.

IN BANKRUPTCY. ESTATE OF YUEN GAR.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
At the MART of Messrs. MEDCALF and CO.,
149 REDFERN-STREET, REDFERN.

PARTLY MANUFACTURED FURNITURE, BOARDS, COMBINATION CHESTS, WARDROBES, TOILET PAIRS, SPINDLES, TABLE LEGS.
WASHSTAND MARBLE SLABS (Rouge and Sicilian).
PANELLED MIRROR PLATES, Various Sizes.

BARNARD AND CO.,
Instructed by WM. HARRINGTON PALMER, Esq., Official Assignee, will sell as above,
WITHOUT RESERVE.
For Offices, Record chambers, 77 Castlereagh-street.

IN BANKRUPTCY. ESTATE OF E. L. J. ALLSOP.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
149 REDFERN-STREET, REDFERN.
FURNISHING MACHINE, FLOOR CRAMP, LADDERS, etc.
BARNARD and CO., instructed by W. H. Palmer, Esq., Official Assignee, will sell as above,
WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
On the Premises, 151 REDFERN-STREET, REDFERN,
WALNUT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO,
WALNUT DINING SUITE, SIDEBOARDS,
COMBINATION and other CHESTS DRAWERS, DINING TABLES, TOILET PAIRS, TOILET WARE, WASHSTANDS, WARDROBES, Double and Single BEDSTEADS, complete, OVERMANTELS, SINGER SEWING MACHINES, KITCHEN and LAUNDRY FURNITURE, LINOS., PICTURES, CHAIRS, Bonedrien, SOUTH BUTTONHOLE MACHINE, CRICKETING KIT.

BARNARD AND CO.,
will sell as above,
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
For Offices, Record chambers, 77 Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30,
170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near SHEPHERD-ST.
HOUGHTON and CO. Sell by Auction Plate Glass Sideboard, Overmantel, Dining Suite, Bedroom Bedding, Duchesse Chests, Tables, Chairs, Bedsteads, Seagrass Furniture, Couch, Pictures, Carpets, etc., well worth attention. No Reserve.

AUCTION SALES.

DRUMMOYNE,
per Parramatta River steamer, from Circular Quay, alighting at Drummoyne Wharf, or per "Tram, and alight at the Drummoyne Post-office.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 10,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
BY ORDER OF
MRS. V. H. OELRICH,
IN CONSEQUENCE OF RELINQUISHING HOUSE-KEEPING,
the Whole of her
HANDSOME MODERN FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,
CONTAINED IN HER RESIDENCE,
EYTHAM,
ST. GEORGE'S-CRESCENT, DRUMMOYNE
(close to both Drummoyne Wharf and Tram).
AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.
*** ON VIEW THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FINE ART, FURNITURE, and GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
196 and 198 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, CLOSE TO PARK-STREET.
TELEPHONE, 7456 CITY.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 11, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M. PROMPT.
EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION,
WITHOUT RESERVE,
AT THE NEW AND CENTRAL ROOMS
of
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
196 and 198 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, NEAR PARK-ST.
SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
THE PROPERTY OF A PRIVATE GENTLEMAN,
REMOVED FROM A FURNISHED FLAT IN ROSLYN GARDENS
including
OAK SIX FEET DINING TABLE,
OAK ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON,
TWO DIVAN LOUNGE CHAIRS IN PANTHOTE,
SOLID OAK SIX FEET WARDROBE.
DOULTON CHINA DINNER SERVICE, TEA AND BREAKFAST CHINA, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY AND ELECTROPLATE,
Etc., etc., etc.

SALVAGE. SALVAGE.

TO-DAY. THURSDAY,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK SHARP.
AT OUR SALEROOMS,
NO. 200 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
FOUR DOORS SOUTH OF PARK-STREET.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FIRE ASSESSORS, THE THIRD SALE OF THE SALVAGE removed from the scene of the recent fire at
MESSRS. GEO. CULL AND SON,
MERCHANTS AND BOOT EXPORTERS,
No. 216 PITT-STREET.
Comprising
A Very Extensive Quantity of
LEATHER AND GRINDERY.
LININGS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,
VARIOUS BOOT MACHINES.

DEAN AND COMPANY,
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
200 CASTLEREAGH-STREET.
TELEPHONE, CITY 7802.

CITY.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.
Under instructions from Mrs. MCKISSON,
at her Residence,
141 DOWLING-STREET, off WILLIAM-STREET.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
including—
Glassware, China, Linoleum, Curtains, Rugs, SOLID OAK EXTENSION DINING TABLE, Austrian and Cane Seat American Chairs, SILKY OAK BEACONSFIELD BEDROOM SUITE, superior manufacture, modern design, Massive Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Bedding, WARDROBES, COMB. CHESTS, M.T. WASHSTANDS, Bed and House Linen, Blankets, Quilts.
Overmantel, Ornaments, Pictures, Palm Stands, Drawing-room Suite, Sea Grass Oval, Chairs, Large Kitchen Dresser, Cooking and Laundry Utensils.
TERMS CASH NO RESERVE.

LAWSON BROTHERS, LIMITED
(HARRY LAWSON, AUCTIONEER),
52-54 WILLIAM-STREET. TEL., Wm. st. 920.
TO THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE, DEALERS, Etc.
On the Premises, 11 PARRAMATTA-ROAD, ANNANDALE (near Nelson-street).
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
Stock of Men's, Women's, and Children's BOOTS AND SHOES,
of English, American, and Colonial make, of latest designs, in all sizes, and superior quality.
M. GOULSTON AND CO.
will sell TO-DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m.
TO DRAPERS, CLOTHIERS, MERCERS, Dealers, etc.
On the Premises, 11 PARRAMATTA-ROAD, ANNANDALE (near Nelson-street).
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 A.M.,
Stock of A. Harding (Removed from Paddington), Also, the Stock in the Estate of John Thomas Hunter (Removed from Parramatta),
Men's and Boys' Ready-made Clothing, Shirts, Linen and Celluloid Collars, Ties, Underwear, Braces, Hosiery, Haberdashery, Manchester and Dress Goods, Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, Silks, Velvets, Prints, Calicoes, Sheetings, Damasks, Towels, Baby Linen, Corsets, Gloves, Ladies' and Child.'s Underclothing, etc. Imperative Instructions. WITHOUT RESERVE.
M. GOULSTON AND CO.
will sell TO-MORROW, at 11.
Auctioneers' Address: 330 Glebe-road. Tel., M 1671.

THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 392 Pitt-street,
The Unredeemed CLOTHING and SUNDRIES pledged with Mr. D. Goldstein, of the Pitt-street Mont de Piete Loan Office, Pitt-street, city,
At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 2.30 o'clock, Sundries, including Gladstone and Kit Bags, Guns, Rifles, Revolvers, Field and Opera Glasses, Cameras, Gramophones, Musical Instruments, Tools, etc. LARGE "EDISON" CONCERT PHONOGRAPH.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 392 Pitt-street,
The Unredeemed JEWELLERY pledged with Mr. A. ROSEN, of 603 George-street, Haymarket, city, including
Single-stone, Half-hoop, and Cluster Diamond Rings, Gold and Silver Chronographs, Waltham and English Lever Watches.
Diamond Brooches, Earrings, Breastpins, and Studs, Gold Albert's, Neck Chains, Links, Bangles, Bracelets, Signet, Wedding, Fancy, and Nugget Rings.

NORTH SYDNEY. THIS DAY, 11 A.M.
AT THE ROOMS, 72 JUNCTION-STREET.
ERNEST A. WOODBERRY will sell Household Furniture, Piano (by Archer Brown), Organ (by Alexandre Pere et Fils), in Rosewood case; Sideboards, Tables, Chairs, Oak Suites, Pictures, Crockery, etc.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.
HENRY LEVY will sell, by auction, at 185 Regent-street, city, Men's Suits, Shirts, Trousers, Boots, Bed and Table Linen, Remnants, etc.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m., at 95 Birchgrove-road, Balmain,—Household Furniture, Beds, Couches, Tables, Ware, Dresser, Chairs, etc.

XMAS IS COMING.
BLACKWOOD'S
GREAT AUCTION SALE.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12,
AT 3 O'CLOCK.
WEST END PARK, ENFIELD.
At the tram. Near the city. 60 Lots, 40 x 105. Metalled roads. Water and Gas. Grass lawn.
Your own Price, READ THE TERMS—
5/ DEPOSIT. 5/ MONTHLY. NO INTEREST.
5/ DEPOSIT. 5/ MONTHLY. NO INTEREST.
until the war is over.
Just a little spec. that will make money for you after the war.
10/ MONTHLY. INTEREST 5 PER CENT.
PRACTICALLY NO RESERVE,
TO WIND UP THE ESTATE.
XMAS CAKES FREE TO BUYERS.
XMAS TOYS FOR EVERYONE.
ARTHUR BLACKWOOD.
LAND AUCTIONEER,
Savings Bank-chambers, opp. Singer's,
HAYMARKET. EST. 1900.
THE flavour lingers from Xmas to Xmas, "Pineapple" Rum. The Real Xmas bon.

AUCTION SALES.

ORDER OF SALE.
CITY, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
At the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Three Dwellings, Nos. 51 to 55 Holt-street, between Cooper and Devonshire streets, near Railway.
PADDINGTON.—Two Houses, Nos. 208 and 210 Oxford-street, nearly opposite Town Hall. Executors' Sale.
PADDINGTON.—Four Houses, Nos. 72 to 78 Gordon-street, and House, No. 4 Ulster-street. Executors' Sale.
PADDINGTON.—Two Houses, Nos. 66 and 70 Gordon-street, east of Elizabeth-street. Executors' Sale.
PADDINGTON.—Three Houses, Nos. 132 to 136 Paddington-street, between Elizabeth and Taylor streets. Executors' Sale.
PADDINGTON.—Residence, Rutledge, corner of Hargrave and Elizabeth streets.
PADDINGTON.—House, No. 26 Glenmore-road, also House, No. 21 Hopewell-street, at rear. Part of land is vacant.
BEDFERN.—Stabling Premises, No. 116 Walker-street, and two Houses adjoining, near Redfern-street. LEASEHOLD.
REDFERN.—Cottage, No. 97 Elizabeth-street, north of Redfern-street. LEASEHOLD.
STANMORE.—Residence, No. 52 Harrow-road, near Stanmore Station.
RANDWICK.—Cottage, Greenbank, Cowper-street, near The Avenue. Executors' Sale.
BONDI.—Block Land, Bondi-road, between Dudley and Thomas streets, Surf View Estate.
MARRICKVILLE.—Residence, Strathaven, Cary-street, near Excelsior-parade.
KILLARA.—Cottage, Hamilton, Florence-street, near Congregational Church.
HAZELBROOK.—Weatherboard Cottage, near Railway Station, together with the furniture therein.
RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD.

HURLSTONE PARK, AT STATION.
ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS PREMISES, fronting FLOSS-STREET, close to the corner of Duntroon-street, and opposite the ENTRANCE to the RAILWAY STATION, erected on Land 25ft 8in to FLOSS-STREET, depth 127ft 11in on one side, and 113ft on the other, back to MARCIA LANE, to which it has 20ft frontage. Torrens Title.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above Property at HURLSTONE PARK, occupied by S. A. Ferbrache, House and Land Agent. The building is erected in a most substantial manner, and was constructed that another story might be added with safety.
£250 of the purchase money may remain for 2 years at 6 per cent. (1300)

ORDER OF SALE,
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,
TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, AT THE REAL ESTATE AUCTION ROOMS, 64 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
TO-DAY, THURSDAY, 10th DEC., at 2.30 o'clock.
DARLINGHURST.—INVESTMENT, 13, 14, 16, 18 CHAPLIN-STREET.
DARLINGHURST.—INVESTMENT, 4 and 6 CHAPLIN-STREET and 1 and 2 WETHERILL-STREET.
ELIZABETH BAY.—BILLYARD-AVENUE. RESIDENCE.
WOOLLOOMOOLOO.—FACTORY SITE, 73 DUKE-ST.
PADDINGTON.—GOOLOGOWA, COOPER-STREET, RESIDENCE.
WOOLLAHRA.—BRICK COTTAGE, "ABERDARE," EDWARD-STREET.
SUMMER HILL.—BRICK COTTAGE, "JURA," TRAFALGAR-STREET.
HAZELBROOK.—"WARATAH," LARGE W.B. COTTAGE, FURNISHED, with about an acre of Land.
VAUCLUSE.—LOT 22, DALLEY MANSION ESTATE, 50ft FRONTAGE.
LAKEMBA.—LOT 36, FAIRMOUNT ESTATE, 66 x 201 feet.
KENSINGTON.—D.F. BRICK COTTAGE, "WOY WOY," TODMAN-AVENUE, and 9 LARGE STALLS.
WALKER BROS., AUCTIONEERS,
9 CASTLEREAGH-STREET.

TENDERS.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF N.S.W.
Tenders are invited for Plumbing, Carpenter's, and Painter's work at the Fire Station, Oxford-street, PADDINGTON.
Tenders returnable by first post on Thursday, 17th December, 1914.
Specifications and all particulars may be obtained from the Clerk of Works, Headquarters Fire Station, 217 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.
H. M. WEBB, Secretary.

213 Castlereagh-street, Sydney,
8th December, 1914.
BRICKMAKERS.—Price wanted for making FIRE CLAY BLOCKS for HOFFMAN KILN,
TEMPE BRICKWORKS,
King-street, 8th. Peters, near Cook's River.
BRICKLAYERS.—Wanted, Price, small job, Retaining Wall, F. Moir, 586 Crown-st, Surry Hills.
CLAY.—Wanted, good clean PLASTIC CLAY. Quote price per ton delivered Sydney. Submit small samples. P. T. Taylor, Limited, York-street, Sydney.
CARPENTERS.—Price for taking down ceilings and relining. 12 Burren-st, Erskineville.
ELECTRICIANS.—Price Elec. Installation, house. Spec. at. 11, Salisbury-South Hill-st, Rose Bay.
GRAINER'S price wanted, Apply early. Mr. Ward, Architect, Hailton, Newington-rd, Stanmore.

MUNICIPALITY OF NEWCASTLE.
TENDERS will be received at this office until MONDAY, the 21st instant, for the Supply of 3500 tons of 2 (two) inch Metal and Screenings, suitable for road-making, also an alternative Tender for a similar quantity of Spawls.
Specification may be seen at the Council Chambers, Watt-street, on application.
The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
E. SCOTT HOLLAND,
Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office,
Newcastle,
9th December.

MUNICIPALITY OF WILLOUGHBY.
BOUNDARY-STREET REPAIRS.
FRESH TENDERS, endorsed "Tender for repairs to Boundary-street," will be received up to 4 p.m. on MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1914, for repairs to Boundary-street.
Specifications may be seen at the Town Hall, Victoria-avenue, Chatswood, during office hours.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
A. A. C. BASTIAN,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Willoughby,
8th December, 1914.
PAINTING 2-story House inside and out, price, on job Friday or Saturday. H. DIXON, Contractor, Rokeby, Avenue Point, Cronulla.
PAINTER, Wanted price Painting W.B. Cottage. Apply job, Parramatta-rd Fitzgerald-st, Ermington.
PLUMBERS.—Wanted, price for small job, labour only. Mrt. 3.30 p.m., 36 Junction-st, N. Sydney.
PAINTERS.—Price wanted, Brick Cottage, Labour only, Hopetoun-st, Vaucluse, Apply 11, Jenkins Murray-s.
PLASTERERS, PAINTERS, apply on job, Victoria-st, Alexandria, to Foreman, Ferguson, Fraser.
PRICE for Cleaning out House. Before 12, at Haraway, Stanley st, Mosman.
PAINTERS (4-at.), wanted, for Paper, per roll, paint, per coat; kalso, per rm. Agent, South L'hardt P.O
PRICE, 300 or more Split Posts, 3 x 5 and 6ft long, to be at truck. Mack, 5 Dunford-st, Paddington.
ROCK-HOPPERS.—Pair Wanted, cut trench. McDonald, Lochaber, Rose Bay, Randwick.
SANITARY DRAINER.—Wanted, Price, at once, 99 Wells-st, Newtown.
TO CONTRACTORS.—TENDERS are invited for the erection of a pair or semi-detached Brick RESIDENCES, in Mount-street, Coogee. Plans may be seen at Palace Music story, 123 Pitt-street, city, and also at the office of the Architect,
J. WALKER,
Blairgowrie, Carrington-road,
Randwick.
TO BUILDERS.—Tenders are invited for the Erection of a Two-roomed Cottage at STRATHFIELD.
T. P. SIMPSON, Architect,
Castlereagh House, Castlereagh-street.
TENDERS wanted, Supply 350 Tons 1½in BLUE METAL, also 200 Tons best SAND, to Market-street, Drummoyne.
J. BROADLEY,
3 Prince Albert-street, Mosman.
TENDERS for Additions to shop Premises, at Queen and Canterbury rds, South Ashfield. Plans, W. Lamrock, Architect, Dawson-st., opp. Railway.
TENDERS for Putting Battens and Iron on Roof, 1091 by 80ft. C. COOPER,
Livingstone-road, Marrickville.
TENDERS Re-papering Room, 26 Arlett-st, Paddington, near Glenmore-rd. Butler, Tennyson, Hyde T., 71
TENDERS invited for Plumbing and Gasfitting at N. S. Lab. and material. H. Louat, 369 George-st.
TENDER to electric light, fibrous ceiling of 2 residences. Apply c/- Balfour-Addison rds, Ke'singtn.
TILER wanted, labour to shop front. Grover, 30 Junction-st, Lavender Bay, N.S.
TENDERS for DRAINING. Lamorna, Curlewis-st, Bondi.
TENDERS for Fibrous Ceilings. Lane, St. George's rd, Bexley.
TENDERS PLUMBING, Labour only. Next Riverview Hotel, Birchgrove-road, Balmain.
TENDERS Request for PAINTING HOUSE. Apply 173 Bridge-rd, Glebe.
TENDERS.—Fencing, lab. and material, Cross-st, near Keating-st, Lidcombe.
TENDER for Bricklaying, price per thousand, 2 Cottages, Apply 52 Flood-st, Leichhardt.
TENDERS, Tilelayers, pair semi-det. J. Bale, new cor. Walker and Haberfield.
TENDERS for Plumbing and Drainage Work. Apply 31 Pearl-st, off Alice-st, Newtown.
TENDERS, Incs-pointing pair Cottages, Church-st, Marrickville. J. Eppel, Builder.
TENDERS, Painting front of Cottage, 185 Living-stone-rd, Marrickville.
TENDERS required for Sewerage Connection to Residence. Apply on job, Denman-av., Haberfield.
TENDERS for 5-rmd. Bk. Cott., kit. bkv., verandah back, Roof. Plans at 167 Pitt-st, Redfern.
TENDER, Plaster, for laying 2 floors and 3 tanks. C. Cooper, Livingstone-rd, Marrickville.
TENDERS, Plumbing and Draining, Cottage, L. and M. Furs, Elliott-st, Balmain, near Terry-st.
TENDERS, Brickwork, Cottage, labour only. Particulars Elliott-st, Balmain, near Terry-st.
WANTED, a Price for Ballast, at Smith's Dairy, Lower Fourth-st, Woollahra.

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SUTTON and CO., Ltd., General Carriers, Customs, Shipping and Forwarding Agents. We quote everywhere. 17 Pitt-street. Tel., 7817.
JAMES H. ANGER, Skin Specialist and Hair Culture Set, has removed to 7 Bligh-st, cor. Union Club.
BRISBANE.—CHAS. O'REILLY (Est. 1860), Customs Forwarding Carrier, Gen. Agt., 93-105 Margaret-st
KEYS FITTED, LOCKS REPAIRED, LONGSHAW, 281 Pitt-st, and 79 Goulburn-st.

LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT.
(Before the Full Bench, Sir Samuel Griffith, C.J., Mr. Justice Barton, Mr. Justice Isaacs, Mr. Justice Rich, Mr. Justice Powers, and Mr. Justice Rich.)

STAMP DUTY TEST CASE.

Argument was concluded in the appeal from the Queensland Registry, brought to decide the question of whether or not cheques drawn on the Commonwealth Bank by customers of that bank should contain the penny duty stamp stipulated by the State Stamp Duty Act.
Mr. Knox, K.C., continued the argument in support of the contention by the Queensland Government. He submitted that the tax imposed was not a tax upon the bank as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth. The bank did not pay the tax, which was merely a tax upon those who used cheque forms on that bank. In that respect they were in exactly the same position as the users of any other cheques or other forms of bills of exchange.
The Court reserved judgment.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice Barton, Mr. Justice Isaacs, Mr. Justice Duffy, and Mr. Justice Rich.)

A DEAL IN CATTLE.

Mr. Ryan and Mr. Mahoney (of Queensland), instructed by Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Co., agents for Mr. D. P. Carey, of Rockhampton, Queensland, appeared for Thomas Purcell in an appeal from the judgment of the Queensland Full Court (Sir Pope Cooper, C.J., Mr. Justice Real, and Mr. Justice Shand) given on October 14, 1913, in an action for recovery of damages on a contract to deliver two mobs of cattle. Mr. Blacket, K.C., and Mr. Musgrove (of Queensland), instructed by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mackenzie, agents for Messrs. Cannon and Peterson, of Rockhampton, Q., appeared for the respondent, Edwin Charles Bacon.
Bacon was a stock dealer, of Warwick, Queensland. On July 4, 1912, he issued a writ against Purcell, claiming £2000 damages. It was alleged that on March 23, 1912, Bacon agreed to sell to Purcell, and Purcell agreed to purchase about 1500 mixed cattle then depasturing on Lake Dunn, with 100 branded cattle, and all unbranded cattle given in, at the price of £2 per head; and about 700 mixed cattle then depasturing on Ballyneety, being the whole of the herd, at £2 12s per head. Delivery was to be on or before April 26, 1912. The terms were, £500 down, and the balance in cash on delivery. Plaintiff declared that on April 26, he was ready to deliver the stock. On that and the following day defendant accepted and drove away part of the stock, but then and since refused to accept the balance of the stock, being 1214, or any part thereof. By reason of this refusal, plaintiff was unable to sell the balance of the stock until November, 1912, and lost the profits and the price he would have received had the contract been observed. Defendant made a counter claim for £712, declaring that plaintiff was not ready and willing to deliver the cattle, according to the contract. The action was heard at the Rockhampton civil sittings of the Queensland Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Lukin and a jury. The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff Bacon, and assessed his loss at £1579 10s 10d. Purcell then appealed to the Queensland Full Court, on the grounds that the judgment was contrary to law and against the evidence, and that Mr. Justice Lukin wrongfully admitted evidence of conversations between the plaintiff and a drover named George Henry Oliffe, and of alleged customs, tending to vary the terms of the written agreement in respect to delivery. The Full Court, by majority (Mr. Justice Real dissenting) affirmed the judgment of the lower court, and dismissed the appeal. The matter then came before the High Court, sitting at Brisbane, the Bench being composed of Sir Samuel Griffith, C.J., Mr. Justice Barton, and Mr. Justice Isaacs. Judgment was reserved, but the case was now ordered to be re-argued. The grounds of the appeal to the High Court were the same as those of the appeal to the Queensland Full Court.
The case stands part heard.

COMMONWEALTH ARBITRATION COURT.
(Before the Deputy-President, Mr. Justice Powers.)

POSTAL OFFICERS' APPLICATION.

This was an application by the Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association for an award. Mr. J. G. Willson appeared for the applicants; Mr. J. C. Westhoven for the Postmaster-General; Mr. W. J. Skewes for the Public Service Commissioner.
Mr. Willson said he had been instructed to mention, with regard to a matter of obtaining evidence, the case of a telegraphist in Tasmania, who had given certain information of the terms of employment. The permanent head had charged this officer under section 46 of the Public Service Act with a breach of regulation 43. That charge had been decided by the permanent head, the officer found guilty, and fined £1. This officer had been found guilty that, "at Launceston, between May 5 and September 2, he did communicate official correspondence to the association without the knowledge and sanction of the chief officer." The information he had given the association was in respect to a matter in which the association was claiming before the court. If information was to be denied the association in support of certain items before the court, for fear by the officers of victimisation, then they would never get the case brought before the court.
Mr. Westhoven said this was a matter of an individual charged with a breach of a regulation by an individual officer. On this ground he declined to discuss the matter further. A certain ruling had been given; if the individual thought necessary he could appeal against it. He had not done so. The charge was that this officer had handed copies of correspondence to the association. He had been found guilty and fined £1. This was entirely beyond the Arbitration Court to deal with. The attitude of the department had been right through to place no restriction on evidence the association desired to submit. There was a certain prescribed procedure laid down, and the individual officer had declined to follow it. It was quite within the power of the permanent head to deal with the officer accordingly.
His Honor: You must not think, Mr. Willson, that any officer can hand you official correspondence without the sanction of the department. If you want certain correspondence for your case and make application for it, I would make an order for the delivery of the necessary letters. But you can put all the information in your affidavits as to terms and conditions of employment and wages without detailing official correspondence. No officer who gave evidence need fear victimisation.
Mr. Westhoven said the case had been dealt with as a case against discipline. The question whether it was right or wrong had never come before the permanent head by way of appeal.
His Honor said the court could not deal with a matter of that kind.
After further argument, the application was adjourned till the next day.

SUPREME COURT.

BANCO COURT.
(Before the Chief Justice, without a jury.)

DISPUTE ABOUT RENT.

Commonwealth Shoe Company, Ltd., v Spilsted.

Mr. Maughan, instructed by Messrs. Parish and Stephen, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Power, instructed by Mr. Neville W. Montagu, for the defendant. This was an action brought by the Commonwealth Shoe Company, Ltd., against Ernest Spilsted to recover the sum of £95 12s 6d, being nine weeks' rent of shop and premises at 10 Oxford-street. As the question involved was practically one of law, a jury was dispensed with. The plaintiff company sued under a lease by which defendant rented the property from them for four years 10 months, and 22 days from May 6, 1912, at a rental of £552 10s per annum, payable weekly; and plaintiffs contended that nine weeks' rent was owing.
Defendant, on the other hand, contended that he was not liable, because, before the rent sued for became due, an agreement was arrived at which resulted in a surrender of the lease. His case was that the lease, with the consent of the plaintiffs, was transferred to Elsie Mollard and Henrietta Dunning, who carried on business as milliners, and who entered into possession of the premises on August 22 of last year. The rent due by the new tenants was paid through defendant, but this fact, he submitted, in no way cut down the arrangement under which he gave up possession. The plaintiff company, however, said that the transferees of the lease never accepted the transfer, and that the document had not been registered.
His Honor found for plaintiffs in the full amount claimed. A stay of proceedings was, however, granted upon defendant giving the usual security as to verdict and costs.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.
(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

MOTOR AND MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Dick v Brown and Hellicar, Ltd.

Mr. Wade, K.C., and Mr. Curtis, instructed by Messrs. Boyce and Magney, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Ralston, K.C., and Mr. Pitt, instructed by Messrs. Ash and Maclean, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Francis Vaughan Dick against Brown and Hellicar, Ltd., to recover compensation for injuries to plaintiff and damage to a motor cycle, owing, as he alleged, to the negligent and improper driving of a

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FARM AND STATION.

FIGHTING THE WHITE ANT.

A Northern Territory official, who has taken on a big contract, though little is heard about it, is the Government Entomologist, Mr. G. F. Hill. His particular work is to deal with the insect pests that abound in that country, and which are such a worrying burden to the pioneers. The chief pests of the Territory are flies, mosquitoes, and white ants, and undoubtedly the latter are the worst. There are recognised methods of control, as far as mosquitoes are concerned and those pests can always be overcome when householders and health or municipal authorities make up their minds about it; house flies also can be beaten, to a large extent, but March flies and buffalo flies, which are bad stock pests in the Territory, are a more difficult proposition. March flies pass their larval stage in mud or moist earth, and to deal with them in the vicinity of sub-tropical rivers is no light task. Against March flies and buffalo flies, all smears and sprays so far tried have been of no practical value; the remedies have not been effective in keeping off the flies until they have been more of a nuisance than the disease. Experiments, however, are being continued. But the main fight is against the white ant, which is one of the worst curses of the Territory, and undoubtedly a great hindrance to its development. The Northern Territory has the largest white ant in Australia, and this species (Mastotermes Darwiniensis), which is over an inch long, is most destructive. It is stated that it will gnaw its way through concrete piles, on which wooden buildings have been erected to get at the joists embedded therein. This giant white ant does not build a mound; its nests are in old logs and stumps underground, from which it drives long galleries in search of food. One such tunnel was traced for 150 yards through hard, unyielding soil before being lost in some newly-turned ground. It causes great damage to young trees and cuttings, and is the only variety which is a serious menace to growers, owing to its habit of entering the trees below ground, and working to the top branches without showing any evidence of its presence until the tree has been damaged beyond recovery.

Experiments are being made to kill this pest with poisoned bran or sawdust, but so far no results of any value can be recorded. As far as the destruction of buildings, stockyards, and other woodwork is concerned, however, Mr. Hill's experiments have reached such a stage that he believes he can safely say it is possible to protect them, if a few simple and inexpensive precautions are taken from time to time. Success has followed the use of arsenical mixtures. In a dwelling-house infested with four species of termites, including the giant variety, Antabane and a 10 per cent. solution of arsenite of soda had apparently proved successful for nine months after its application no signs of termites being then noticed. Stockyards treated with arsenite of soda and a preparation made of white arsenic 4lb, caustic soda 2lb, water 4 gallons, and wood-tar oil, containing creosote, 4 gallons, successfully resisted destruction. The most satisfying experiment, however, was made in the treatment of posts for a cart-shed. The preparation used was composed of 2lb arsenic, 2 gallons wood-tar oil, containing creosote, 1 gallon water, and 1lb caustic soda. Each post was bored 6in from the end to the centre with a 1in auger. The hollows at the bottom of the posts, where they occurred, were saturated with the specific and plugged tightly, and the auger holes were then filled twice with the specific, boiling hot, and tightly plugged with hardwood plugs. The ends for 3ft were then painted over twice with boiling fluid, the first coat being allowed to dry before the second was applied. At the same time four check blocks of similar timber were buried round a termite (mastotermes) infested post in an adjoining fence. The experiment was commenced on August 18. On November 23 (97 days later) the shed posts and treated check blocks were found to be intact, while the untreated blocks were completely destroyed. As a result of this and other experiments, Mr. Hill is satisfied that timber in yards and buildings can be protected against the termites' ravages. The eradication of termites in dwellings on low blocks is a matter of more difficulty, which can be overcome, however, as long as the blocks can be got at to allow of a hole being bored, and filled either with arsenite of soda, or the fumes of arsenic and sulphur by a special mixture. The latter has been successfully used in the case of trees, hollow posts, house blocks, and termite tunnels in concrete floors, and in the case of trees no ill effects have resulted.

USEFUL IMPLEMENT.

SUBSOILER DEMONSTRATION.

At the invitation of Hinds and Co., Ltd., about 200 gentlemen visited the Hawkesbury Agricultural College yesterday, to see a trial of a new invention for subsoiling, drain-cutting, and similar work. The gathering was thoroughly representative, being comprised of pastoralists, wheatgrowers, orchardists, and sugargrowers, from different parts of the State, from Queensland, Victoria, New Norfolk, and Fiji, and gentlemen from the city connected with landed interests. Amongst those present were the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. W. G. Ashford, Mr. Solway, Assistant Under-Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Mr. H. Rose, chief inspector, Mr. W. J. Allen, fruit expert, and Mr. McKeown, manager Wagga Experimental Farm. The visitors travelled from Sydney by special train, and were received at the college by the acting principal, Mr. Cuthbert Potts, and Mr. H. Hinds, and entertained at luncheon.

In the course of a few remarks, Mr. Ashford welcomed the visitors to the college, and thanked them for attending to witness a trial of an invention which, if it would do what was claimed, promised a revolutionise the farming industry in Australia. It was interesting to find on one of the agricultural farms established by the State, and showed again that in Australia they could invent machinery that may revolutionise the agricultural world.

Mr. J. B. Cramsie, Moree, on behalf of Mr. Hinds, explained that the implement was on its trial for the first time. It was not claimed to have reached the last stage, and suggestions for improvement from the practical men present would be welcomed. It was the invention of a New South Wales man, and one that was wanted. He had travelled over the whole world viewing the different methods of farming, and was satisfied that some such implement was absolutely necessary for them to get the best from their soil. A comparison of the wheat yields of this and other countries showed that improvement was necessary. Germany harvested an average yield of 28 bushels to the acre, Canada 20 bushels, as against Australia's 13 bushels, and their land was no better. But it was tilled on a better and higher principle.

The implement was then given a trial in a cultivation paddock near the college, and the results aroused keen interest. It consists of a diamond-shaped frame with handles like a single-furrow plough, to which a U-shaped blade is attached, and set at a certain angle, which causes it to enter the ground, and also to lift the soil, as it travels along. The blade is 20 inches in length. The implement rests on three wheels; a small steering wheel at the front, and two at the rear. By working a lever the latter are raised from the ground, which causes the blade to enter the soil when it goes into motion. For cutting out drains a shield is attached to the blade, and puts the soil up on both sides of the drain. Another form of drain can be cut out with a blade to which is attached a wing that throws the soil out on one side. The blade is reversible and self-sharpening.

At first sight, unless one bears in mind that the majority of the most useful implements invented are noted for their simplicity, the subsoiler promotes a feeling of duplicity, the subsoiler promotes a feeling of disappointment, but this speedily gives way to a pleased surprise when the implement gets to work. At least, that was the case yesterday with most of those present. A team of six fine draughts was hitched on to the subsoiler, and they took it smoothly and easily across the paddock, cutting along below the ground at a depth of some 15 to 20 inches. Along its track the surface of the soil was raised a couple of inches, and a stick could easily be shoved down to the depth the subsoiler was cutting. Alongside on the untreated soil the same pressure applied would not send the stick into the ground more than an inch or two. When shovelled out, it was seen that the soil had been completely pulverised.

It is claimed that four horses can work the implement, and have been doing so at the Wagga Experimental Farm, where it was invented by the instructor in horticulture, Mr. S. A. Hogg, some twelve months ago. Yesterday the subsoiler was drawn at a depth of 13 inches by three horses without any difficulty, but they were three very good horses. As a sub-soiler the implement did most satisfactory work.

Circular and V-shaped drains were cut out, and undoubtedly this work was done excellently. It was also worked attached to a two-furrow mouldboard plough, the subsoiler being attached behind the back share. The soil was thoroughly pulverised to a depth of 10 inches below the cult of the plough. It was also worked with a seat (as on a plough) above the blade.

While it is admitted that the implement may be open to improvement the trial yesterday made a most favourable impression on those present. Though it may seem a large order to say that its utilisation will revolutionise tillage operations, yet it should do so to the extent that many operations should by its use be done more cheaply, expeditiously, and thoroughly, than in the past. While the correctness of saying any new principle has been discovered may be challenged, the addition made undoubtedly constitutes an important invention from an agricultural standpoint.

For intense culture, preparing ground for lucerne, and for orchard work, yesterday's trial showed that the implement will prove most useful. If it is deemed advisable to subsoil wheat lands it would, of course, be equally serviceable. But it has to be remembered that most of our wheat country is not grubbed to a depth of more than nine or 10 inches, and that would set a limit to the scope of the implement, unless considerable money was expended. In any case, authorities differ as to the wisdom of subsoiling wheat lands, the tendency being to aim at bringing the moisture to the surface roots and not to send the roots hurtling down for the moisture. Experience in the past has not proved sub-soiling always profitable, but important experiments in this direction are now being carried out at the Wagga Farm, and should prove of value. This subsoiler should be thoroughly tested at the same time.

In other directions the implement commended itself yesterday. For making drains on irrigation farms, feaders to tanks, and for tank sinking, working over rabbit burrows, and, such work, it should be very successful in most soils.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

A YEAR'S PROGRESS.

During last year 1,816,054 acres were made available in New South Wales for settlement, says the 35th annual report of the Department of Lands, tabled in the Legislative Assembly last night. Up till June 30 areas aggregating 985,093 acres had been withdrawn, and 299,733 acres resumed, from long tenure leases.

During the year several important subdivisions in the wheat area and on the North Coast were disposed of, including Ungarie, Wollongough, Boorabil, Matong, and others, and increased facilities for paying the vendors of lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Promotion Acts would materially assist in the disposal of those cases. Thirty-one farms were allotted by the land boards, and eleven applications, comprising 4608 acres, were outstanding at the end of the year. Twenty-eight estates had been acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts, and had provided 1613 farms. On June 3 there were 25 farms comprising 9816 acres, vacant on the re tates. On the 27 estates there are 6826 persons resident, improvements to the value of £930,119 had been effected, and the settlers' plant and machinery were worth £282,375. The area under cultivation was 248,097 acres, while there were 15,416 horses, 207,595 sheep, and 15,081 cattle on the farms. All those items showed an increase on the previous year's returns, except the sheep and cattle, which had decreased in numbers to the extent of 9636 and 831 respectively. The population of the districts affected had now increased to the extent of about 6600 permanent residents, and the area under cultivation now aggregated 248,097 acres. Resumptions of 27 leases, covering an area of 299,733 acres, and involving an expenditure of £84,461, were approved during the year. It was estimated these should provide 226 farms.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Department of Agriculture to June 30, 1914, was laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly last night. The revenue for the year was £143,117, an increase of £4490, or 3.24 per cent. over the previous year, notwithstanding that 1912-13 was a record revenue year. The expenditure amounted to £277,207, an increase of £3811, or 1.4 per cent. over the previous year. The additional expenditure was incurred through the establishment of new works, such as the prison tree-planting camp at Tuncurry, equipment of new farms, and increases in salaries and wages.

An interesting table gives the relative average value per acre over a period of ten years for wheat, maize, oats, hay, potatoes, sugarcane, vineyards, orchards, and market gardens. Market gardens show an average value per acre of £31 7s 6d; sugarcane, £21 9s 6d; vineyards, £16 12s 6d; orchards, £10 17s 9d; potatoes, £11 2s 6d; maize, £5 15s; hay, £2 8s 9d; oats, £2 4s 9d; and wheat, £7 17s 1d. A substantial progress in the dairying industry is noted, the number of cows in milk being given as 600,420, yielding 231,592,000 gallons of milk, an average of 386 gallons per cow (a record average, exceeding the next best, 1912, by 23 gallons per cow).

The numbers of live stock in the State are given: Horses, 746,170; cattle, 2,832,740; sheep, 39,850,232; pigs, 288,090. With the exception of cattle (212,094 decrease) and pigs (5863 decrease), these figures are largely in excess of the previous year, but the number of sheep has been largely exceeded in previous years, particularly in 1890 (55,586,431), 1910 (45,580,969), and 1911 (44,747,287). The year's figures for horses, on the other hand, are a record for the State, and the figures show that the number of horses has steadily increased from 444,843 in 1890 to 746,170 in 1915. The number of dairy cows in milk in 1913 has only been exceeded in three years, viz., 1910, 1911, and 1912. The wool production during 1913 amounted to 357,985,000lb, as in grease, valued on the farm or stations at £13,620,000.

TRUCK SHORTAGE.

Mr. B. C. Garland, Oran Park, Narellan, writes:—Knowing that the weather was keeping dry in Riverina, I began, at the end of winter, to save my grass in one paddock of about 400 acres; and, with the help of the good rains in this district (Camden) and undersigned, have been entirely successful in conserving sufficient to keep 1000 sheep fat for six months. I thought "now is the time for me to make something out of the white out of my country," and placed the grass under offer to several pastoralists, who would have eagerly taken the opportunity of saving their sheep. But there are no trucks to move them, and none will be available for two months; so the sheep must die, and the pastoralist must lose. I can't eat the grass, so I must lose. The Government won't receive the freight, so they must lose the taxpayers' money. Loss all round. I am sure I must be short of the mark when I estimate the losses in this way at over £1,000,000. And all this in order to bolster up the socialistic hallucination that railway rolling stock must be manufactured in Australia. Why could not the Government long ago have had a supply of trucks ready to meet an exigency that any sensible individual can see recurs every few years? If the railways were privately owned and run, the opportunity to make profits would have been instantly seized, but as it is there seems to be no attempt at such organisation as will make them revenue-returning.

THE WHEAT QUESTION.

"Farmers," Temora, writes:—I am satisfied that the true facts have not been properly represented to the Necessary Commodities Commission or the Attorney-General. At present there are a large body of speculators, and not farmers, who, in agitating for the abolition of contracts, are doing so purely from self-interests, and not with any desire to help the farmer. It is a well-known fact that agents representing city firms (in the country) have bought wheat forward, but to no great extent, because of the war being declared early in August, which would prevent any larger from selling his wheat, together with the dry time that the country was experiencing before and up to that date. Gambling wheat-buyers have oversold, and sold what they never had, but are leading the public, as well as the authorities, to believe that they are actuated in their efforts to secure the abolition of all contracts solely in consideration of the farmer. Forward contracts of wheat sales are made each and every year, mostly in August, September, and October, when the farmer has some idea of his crop return. The prices paid, or contracted to be paid, for wheat forward have been for a number of years past from 3s 3d to 3s 4d at country stations, or 3s 7d to 3s 8d Sydney. In December, when the first deliveries take place, the price then for prompt delivery is generally from 3s 6d to 3s 8d, and in many cases up to 4s, this naturally irritates the farmer; but no one ever heard of the Government being asked to assist him then, and the wheat agents never busied themselves to have the contracts cancelled. Now that the agents are involved, it is apparently another matter, and they leave no stone unturned to have contracts cancelled.

We all agree that forward selling is a great gamble. Many farmers are induced to sign contracts which they should not, and afterwards cry about being hit. But they are not the only people who cry. The agents or speculator does his share. The only difference is that he has a way out of the difficulty. If wheat should take a drop, he has his buyer at every railway siding prompted, and if wheat is 3d or 3d below forward purchase prices the buyer rejects the farmers' wheat as not being up to the f.a.q. standard, on which all contracts are based. He informs the unfortunate farmer that he must dock 3d or 4d per bushel, as the wheat is not f.a.q., thus putting the agent on safe ground. The Government should arrange that every contract made with farmers should be produced before the commission, and evidence on oath as to the quantities of wheat sold by the agent to outside sources taken. If the agents have not sold any more wheat than they have purchased from the farmer, then the contracts should stand good. On the other hand, if the agent has oversold, then let him put up with the consequences, as it is high time this gambling in wheat was put an end to. It is also a known fact that farmers' wheat that has been stored with the agents or wheat dealer has been used to fill orders sold by them, and in many cases put in as security with the banks to finance the dealers, and the farmer charged storage, insurance, and other charges when he is selling his wheat. And then he is offered in many cases 3d and 4d below market price, but it would cost him 6d per bushel to release it, paying all charges. Should he want a small advance, he is charged for money borrowed on his own wheat.

RABBIT POISONING.

Observer" writes.—The use of poison as a means of keeping rabbits in check has exterminated almost all bird life, the scaveng s of the air, that keep down flies and other insect pests. I would ask those graziers who are obsessed with poisoning methods of rabbit destruction did they have to crutch maggoty sheep and their whole flocks before the advent of rabbit poisoning? I am certain they had not. The rotten and putrid carcases of rabbits strewn broadcast have been the means of propagating the blowfly pest to such an extent that the future consequences of this increasing and wide-spreading evil will have a most disastrous effect upon the pastoral industry. Rabbit extermination under proper management and supervision is a very effective means. Unfortunately for the squatter, he persists in his shortsightedness of paying low wages to his employees engaged at this work, and they take no interest in it, because there is work attached to it. What any kind of a man can sit upon a poison-cart and drive it about.

EXPERIMENT PLOTS.

TAMWORTH.—The results of this year's Government wheat experiment plots in the Tamworth district have been made available. The experiments were carried out on Mr. S. Forge's farm at Oxley. The following yields per acre were obtained:—Rymer, 35lb per acre, 5 bushels 32lb; Rymer, 50lb per acre, 5 bushels 45lb; Rymer, 50lb per acre, 70lb super per acre, 7 bushels, 38lb; Rymer, 65lb per acre, 5 bushels, 24lb; Bomen, 4 bushels 47lb; Nordoo, 4 bushels, 48lb; Federation, 7 bushels, 20lb; Marshall's, No. 3, 8 bushels 12lb; Yandilla King, 8 bushels, 30lb; Bunyip, 8 bushels, 47lb; and Steinwedel, 7 bushels 57lb. The rainfall between planting and harvesting was 486 points, but of this 74 points in November did more harm than good, while 154 points in October were not productive of the benefit expected. The land for these plots was fallowed and well worked, and a good germination resulted from sowing on May 20. The best yields obtained were mainly due to the dry winter and spring experienced, but earlier sowing, in view of the way the season turned out, would have resulted in higher yields. The rate of seeding was 50lb per acre, and the seeding trial indicates that this was not too thick to detract from the yields, although usually in dry seasons the thinner seedings have the advantage. Manuring with super at the rate of 70lb per acre resulted in an increase of roughly 2 bushels per acre. The two new wheats—Bomen and Nardoo—gave the lowest yields, but it is considered only fair to give them a further trial. A crop of Bomen on Mr. Forge's yielded fairly well—it was sown earlier than the plots.

THE CROPS.

LITHGOW.—Thomas Delaney, of Moyne Farm, Little Hartley, states that he has never seen the country looking so well as at the present time. Stock are in excellent condition; there is an abundance of green feed, while the hay crop is likely to prove very heavy. The prospects of the district were better than ever he had known them before.

SINGLETON.—The local wheat crop has suffered severely owing to the continued wet weather, and most of it is badly bleached.

WALCHA.—The recent rains have brought on the crops, which are proving much better than was anticipated. The fruit crop promises to be excellent. Grass is plentiful throughout the district, and stock are rolling fat.

SHEARING.

WALCHA.—Most of the large shearing sheds have cut out. The clip is good.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

NARRANDERA.—Ninety-one applications were received by the Crown land agent, Narrandera, for portion 38 of 665 acres, being Homestead Farm Area No. 365, parish of Bundidjarie, county of Cooper. The block is situated about six miles from Narrandera. The applicants varied in ages from 18 to 63 years, and consisted of married women, married men, a widow, widowers, spinsters, and single men.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE ABROAD

TALLOW.

LONDON, Oct. 23.

The tallow market this week was steady. Near parcels afloat were unchanged, and bids wanted for shipment. At public sale on Wednesday 233 tons of better coloured and 121 tons of inferior were offered. Twenty tons of the former, and 60 tons of the latter sold, price being unchanged. Australian mutton, fine, 27/; fair to good, 27/ to 27/6; dam to dull, 26/6 to 26/; hard, 28/. Beef, mixed, 28/; fine, 34/; fair to good, 29/ to 30/; dark to dull, 26/6 to 28/6.

WHEAT.

The wheat cargo market is fairly steady. New South Wales afloat is quoted at 42/6, and South Australian, early June, also just shipped, same price, war risk covered. Yesterday it was reported that 16,084 quarters New South Wales, per Medway, made 47/4.

COPRA.

Copra is quiet. South Sea September-October is quoted £23/5, c.i.f. London.

RABBITS.

There is a good market for rabbits. Sydney large stand at 18 to 19/6 a case of 24, ex store, and prices are likely to go up. There is buying forward, a couple of months delivery, at the price named. Other grades are 2/ down on the figures given. Skins have gone down, otherwise the price of Sydney, large, would be £1 a case; but the skins are only worth about half what they were. Best skinned rabbits are 14/ to 15/ a case, ex store, and are firm at that.

KANGAROO AND OPOSSUM

Kangaroo skins are quoted up to 3/6 per lb. Australian opossum ranges up to 16/, and Tasmanian from 2/3 to 17/ each.

RABBIT SKINS.

Australian rabbit skins stand at from 4½d to 7/ per lb. New Zealand skins are a shade higher.

HIDES, ETC.

It is estimated that 40 per cent. of the imported hides were unsaleable at the last sales, in consequence of the prohibition of shipment of raw material to all countries. Representations are being made to the Government on the matter. In the Australasian section, at the sales, 140 salted ox and cow hides offered and sold; Queensland, average, 47½lb, 8½d lb.; 3327 salted calf skins and bobbins offered, none sold. Thirty dry and dry salted yearlings offered, none sold; 3535 salted sheep pelts offered, none sold.

LEATHER AND BASILS.

There have been practically no public transactions in either Australian or New Zealand basils. Last month's import of Australian leather was 400 bales, and 128 bales of basils. The only offering at last week's sales comprised eight bales Wallington basils, which sold at—Firsts, 20½d; seconds, 19½d; first greasy, 18d; and second greasy, 14½d per lb.

CANNED FOODS.

Canned meats are all firm, and particular sizes are becoming scarce, owing to the increased consumption caused by the war. In the provinces Australian 6's are 6/ to 6/6, and Argentine 5/ to 5/6. Australian 1's are 9/ to 9/6, and roast mutton 5/ to 5/6.

BACON.

Owing to continued heavy killing in Denmark it is anticipated that bacon will be dear next year.

CHEESE INDUSTRY.

LONDON MARKET FIRM.

LONDON, Oct. 23.

The cheese market is still firm, best Canadian, white and coloured, is quoted at 76 to 77, and c.i.f. prices from 74 6 to 76 per cwt. New Zealand is now being offered at about 72 to 73, under terms for 120 days' delivery, that is to say, from December to June inclusive, or at, say, 60/ c.i.f. British ports, war risk excluded.

QUEENSLAND POLITICS.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

At least two members of the present Parliament do not intend to seek re-election. These are Mr. E. H. Macartney, member for Toowong, who has made no secret of his intention to retire, and Mr. Thomas Welsby, farmer; but no one ever heard of the Government being asked to assist him then, and the member for Merthyr, formerly a supporter, that he will not be a candidate.

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THE SYDNEY MAIL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

WAR SPECIAL (No. XIX.) AND CHRISTMAS ISSUE.

Pictures from the Front—Many Phases of the War Illustrated—Exquisite Photographs of Australian Scenery and Other Subjects—Interesting Story Section—Patriotic and Other Verses.

"MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY."
A Fine Double-page Drawing.

TITLE PAGE.
"WHEN THE EMPIRE CALLS."

GENERAL SIR HENRY S. RAWLINSON.
On whom General French bestows great praise for the work he took in the recent fighting in Flanders.

GENERAL THE HON. JULIA HEDWORTH BYNG, who was in command of the cavalry that brilliantly supported the First Army Corps in the great effort to prevent the Germans breaking through the Allies' lines in the direction of Calais.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL EDWARD STANISLAUS DUFFIN,
Who, with Brigadier-General Kavanagh, is particularly mentioned by General French for his brilliant work in assisting the First Army Corps to hold a position of extreme importance at the battle of Ypres.

COLONEL AYLMER GOULD HUNTER-WESTON,
Who, when the Cavalry of the Third Army Corps was in a tight corner at Saint Yves, planned a daring counter-attack, and successfully drove the enemy back with great loss.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOSEPH GORDON,
Who has been appointed to the command of the 90th Infantry Brigade at Plymouth (Eng.). He was Commandant of the Military Forces of New South Wales from 1905 to 1912.

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A capital photogra-hic study of an Australian Stockman—one of the cl- which, according to General Sir Ian Hamilton, provides the best scouting material in the world.

IS THE DAY NEAR?—GERMAN ACTIVITY AT KIEL.
A German Battleship in the Vicinity of Kiel Canal.
The Great Warship-building Yards at Kiel.

IN THE NAME OF THE KAISER.
Belgian Peasants Driven from their Homes.

IN THE NAME OF THE KING.
Departure from Adelaide of Australian Troops, who have since arrived in Egypt.

LATEST PHASE OF THE WAR.
ATTEMPT TO STIR UP MOHAMMEDANS.
A Page Photograph, Showing a Mohammedan Praying in the Desert.

PANORAMIC VIEW OF ALLENSTEIN.
THE MARKET SQUARE, ALLENSTEIN.

YPRES BEFORE THE WAR: THE MARKET PLACE.

WHY THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE IN THE NORTH IS SLOW AND COSTLY.
The picture shows the marsh and lake country in which the fighting in North-eastern Prussia has been very severe. The whole of this district is dotted with lakes, and the roads between them are comparatively few and unreliable. There are very few hills. Patches of forest, bogland, and water alternate along the railway line.

WITH THE GREAT FLEET: THE SAILORS' MASCOTS.
When Winnie was Sick—Terrier Jack and Little Winnie—The Shipmates have their Sunday Morning Bath.

"ALL'S WELL WITH THE FLEET."
"It's a long, long wait for Wilhelm's Navy,
But my heart's right there."

FROM THE STUDIO TO THE DRILL-GROUND.
A photographic study about a band of loyal artists, and its local interest is in the fact that it includes Mr. George Lambe, late of Sydney.

A FRENCH SOLDIER SPINNING A TOP FOR BELGIAN CHILDREN.

IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA: A HUNTER AND HIS CAMP.

PROUD OF HER SOLDIER DADDY.

CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT.
WILD FLOWERS OF N.S.W.

CHRISTMAS VISIONS.

IN THE GULF COUNTRY.
The "Chicken" Corroboree—A Rare Spectacle—The Bird-Devil Dance—One of the Bird Devils Mocks the Awakened Man, behind whom is treachery.

"MARGUERITES."

BURNING OFF.
TIMBER GETTING AT CEDAR PARTY CREEK.
The Loading Problem—The Mill Headquarters.

THE BUSH GIRL.

NASTURTIUMS.

SPORT AT MOUNT KOSCIUSKO, N.S.W.

MOUNTAIN SCENERY, FREDERICA FALLS, LAWSON.

THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN.
A Recent Photograph.

BABY'S VISIT TO THE CAMP.

SHEEP PASTURES, N.S.W.

AUSTRALIAN SKETCHES, STORIES, AND POEMS.

"Sydney, Siren of the South," by Sydney Partridge—"A National Hymn for Australia," by "Patriot"—"Ode to Australia," by M. B. Knapp—"With the Early Mail," by Rose L. Scott—"The Navvy" (verses), by Zora Smith—"That's Father" (Christmas story), by summer Locke—"The Unknown Island" (story), by M. Forrest—"Breville" (verses), by Queenie Halleran.

FOR THE CHILDREN.—"Mummy Christmas," by "Malvern"—"Teddy's Big Catch," by Irene Una Harris—"The Christmas Bush," by Doris Shaunessy—"The Baby's Parliament," by Ella McFadyen.

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MEETINGS.

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BUSINESS.
To receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet.
To declare a Dividend.
To elect two Directors in lieu of Messrs. Alex. Campbell and D. Dixon, who retire, but are eligible for re-election.
To elect two Directors in lieu of Sir Thomas Anderson Stuart and Mr. S. H. Chapman (appointed to the vacancies on the Board in accordance with the Articles of Association), who retire, but are eligible for election.
To elect Auditors.
And to transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association.
CANDIDATES for the Office of Director must give SEVEN clear days' notice in writing.
W. J. DOUGLAS, Managing Director.
THE SHAREHOLDERS' REGISTER will be CLOSED from 27th November to 11th December, both days inclusive. 22nd November, 1914.

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BEET, Red; Beet Silver or Spinach; Cabbage, Short Stem; Carrot, Cauliflower, Celery, Corn (Sweet), Cucumber, Cress, Lettuce, Leek, Melon (Rock and Water), Pumpkin, Radish, Squash, Tomato, Vegetable Marrow, 3d and 6d per pkt. POST PAID.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY REEVES, late of Hamilton, in the State of New South Wales, Clerk, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the deceased may be granted to Walter Reeves, the sole Executrix named in the said Will; and notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the said deceased are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before Friday, the fifth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the executors and trustees. Dated this ninth day of December, A.D. 1914. H. C. MOSS, Registrar. FISHER AND MACANSH, Proctors for the Executors and Trustees, George and King streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SAMUEL RAWSON, senior, late of Kensington, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY RAWSON, of Kensington aforesaid, Widow of the said deceased, without any bond or surety, and all creditors in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to forward particulars of their claims within the said fourteen days to the undersigned, JOHN McPHILLAMY, at whose office all notices may be served. JOHN McPHILLAMY, Proctor for the Applicant, Exchange-buildings, William-street, Bathurst. By his Agents, KETON, FAITHFULL, and MADDOCK, 25 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARTHA LUCY REEVES, late of Woollahra, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GARNET REEVES and ETA KATE REEVES the Executors named in the said Will called Eta Beevan, the Executrix named in the said Will, may be granted to the said Will, and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address. 12 Castlereagh-street, Woollahra.

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FUNERALS.

ADAMS.—The Funeral of the late Sidney Charles Adams, of 24 Norton-street, Manly, will leave the Ferry Wharf, Circular Quay, Sydney, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
T. WAUGH and CO., Funeral Directors,
92 Curzo, Manly. Tel., 42.

ADAMS.—The Friends of Mrs. and Miss GWLADYS ADAMS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved Sons and BROTHER, Sidney Charles Adams, to leave his late residence, 27 Norton-street, Manly, for Waverley Cemetery. Friends meet Circular Quay, 1.45 p.m.

ADAMS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. BORRELL, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. PHILLIPS, Mrs. and Mr. T. E. ADAMS, Mr. and Mrs. F. SHERBOURNE, Mr. and Mrs. W. ARNOLD, and Mr. and Mrs. C. MARTIN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER, Sidney Charles Adams, to leave his late residence, 27 Norton-st., Manly, for Wav. Cem.

THE MEMBERS of Lodge "Rose of Sharon," No. 136, U.D.E., of N.S.W., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late Brother, N. C. ADAMS, which will leave Manly Wharf, Circular Quay, at 1.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. A. T. HYDE, W.M., W. P. GOWANS, Secretary.

CHURCH.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. BERTHA CHURCH, late of Mornington and Orpen, Victoria, will take place THIS AFTERNOON, in the Church of England Cemetery, Woronora. Train leaves Central Station at 2.5 p.m.
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COLE.—The Friends of Mr. VICTOR COLE, of 7 Ocean-street, Bondi, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Daphne; to leave our Funeral Parlour, 252 Oxford-street, Woollahra, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 3.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

COLE.—The Friends of Mr. LEWIS MYERS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved DAUGHTER, Daphne; to leave our Funeral Parlour, 252 Oxford-street, Woollahra, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 3.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

COLE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES HILL, of 7 Ocean-street, Bondi, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved NIECE, Daphne Cole; to leave our Funeral Parlour, 252 Oxford-street, Woollahra, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 3.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. W. Carter, Undertaker, Waverley.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT E. COLE, of 7 Ocean-street, Bondi, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, Daphne; to move from W. CARTER'S Funeral Parlours, Oxford-street, Waverley, at 3.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.

CLOUNEY.—The Funeral of Mr. PATRICK CLOUNEY will leave our Parlours, 10 Castlereagh-street, city, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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CUNNINGHAM.—The Friends of the late Mrs. FANNY CUNNINGHAM are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, to leave her late residence, Lilyville, Belmore-street, Alexandria, on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Independent Cemetery, Rookwood.
Mrs. C. FIELD, Undertaker,
34 Botany-road, Alexandria. Tel., 55 Redfern.

FRASER.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. ELIZA BETH FRASER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly-loved HUSBAND, Thomas Henry; to leave our Mortuary Chapel, 810 George-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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GALLAGHER.—The Friends of Mr. MICHAEL GALLAGHER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Amelia; to move from her late residence, 61 James-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9.15, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood, via Lewisham station.
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GALLAGHER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. GILCROTT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, the late Amelia Gallagher; to leave her late residence, 81 James-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9.15, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.

GALLAGHER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GALLAGHER and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. GALLAGHER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, Amelia; to leave her late residence, 81 James-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9.15, for Catholic Cem., Rookwood.

GRAYSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES GRAYSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved INFANT DAUGHTER, Irene Nora, which will leave from their residence, 37 Darlington-street, North Sydney, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 10.0 o'clock, for Catholic Cem., Rookwood, via Gore Hill.
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OPERATIVE MASONS' SOCIETY.—Members of the above Society are requested to attend the Funeral of our late Bro., JOHN HAMILTON, to leave his late residence, Isabella-street, Waverley, THIS DAY, at 10 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. A. WYLD, President. R. WORRALL, Sec.

HATFIELD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HARRY HATFIELD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER (Ted), loose Bolton Hatfield, THIS DAY, from Mortuary Station, at 3.30.
M. SMILES, 160 Cleveland-street.

MASONIC.—The Officers and Members of PADDINGTON LODGE, No. 581, G.R.C., N.S.W., are requested to attend the Funeral of our late Member, Bro. J. B. MATHIESON, to leave the Mortuary THIS DAY, 1.45 p.m., for Rookwood. Regalia at graveside.
FRANK HUGHES, W.M. J. TURKINGTON, P.M., Sec.

HINDS.—The Friends of the late Mr. CHARLES WILLIAM HINDS will move from his late residence, 55 Carlisle-street, North Sydney, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
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HOUGH.—The Friends of Mrs. W. HOUGH and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, William Hough; to leave his late residence, Macquarie-road, Ashfield, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 2.30 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
S. METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta. Tel., 96.

HUNTER.—The Friends of Mr. ARTHUR HUNTER are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, to move from his late residence, 37 Albany-road, Stanmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown Station.
W. S. BULL, Funeral Director.

HUNTER.—The Friends of Mrs. KATHLEEN HUNTER and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-loved HUSBAND and FATHER, Arthur Hunter, to move from his late residence, 37 Albany-road, Stanmore, THIS THURSDAY at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. S. BULL, Funeral Director.

KING.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES EDWARD KING are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved INFANT SON, Percy Edward, to leave their residence, 19 Hinemoa-street, Birchgrove, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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MARTIN.—The Friends of Mrs. A. CURLAW and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Mrs. Elizabeth Maud Martin, which will leave 21 Cooper-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Botany.
S. METCALFE, Undertaker, Redfern.

MOORE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. STAN MOORE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their infant SON, Ivor Samuel, to leave their residence, Nana, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Gosford Cemetery.

NEILL.—The Friends of the late Mr. JOHN NEILL and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral to move from his late residence, Northcote-street, Cremorne, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Methodist Cemetery, Mosman Bay.
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PRYOR.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ZILDA PRYOR will leave her daughter's residence, 149 Cobham-st., Cook's Point, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemeteries.
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ROBERTS.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. A. J. ROBERTS will leave Glyn Ivor, Londonderry, Rossville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.30 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Castle Hill.
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SPRINGETT.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. SPRINGETT and FAMILY, of The Avenue, Granville, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON and BROTHER, Leslie, to move from the Presbyterian Hospital, Auburn, THIS THURSDAY, at 9.15 a.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
S. METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta.
Tel., 96 Parramatta.

THIRD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR THIRD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, Arthur Richard, to move from their residence, 37 Cooper-street, Redfern, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
S. METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta. Tel., 96.

THIPP.—The Friends of Miss CLARE THIPP are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late brother, Frederick Arthur Richard; to move from her father's residence, Parkroad, Auburn, THIS THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
S. METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta. Tel., 96.

THIPP.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN LARKIN and FAMILY, Mrs. BRACKENRIDGE, Mr. and Mrs. W. JENNINGS, Mr. and Mrs. F. MARTIN and FAMILY, of Paddington, Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR MITCHELL, Mr. and Mrs. GORDON HALL, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved GRANDSON, NEPHEW and COUSIN, Richard Arthur Thipp, to move to his late father's residence, Parkroad, Auburn, THIS THURSDAY, at 3.15 p.m., for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
S. METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta. Tel., 96.

WARD.—The Friends of the late Mr. WALTER WARD, late of Eveleigh Workshops, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, to leave his late residence, 12 Cooper-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Waverley.

WARD.—The Friends of Mr. MARY WARD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND, Walter Charles; to leave 12 Cooper-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

WARD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM WARD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Walter Charles Ward; to leave 12 Cooper-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OUR STATE SYSTEM.

MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

ALIENATING PUBLIC PARKS.

Some interesting questions were addressed by Mr. T. S. Crawford, M.L.A., to the Minister for Lands (Mr. Trefle) last week. The questions and replies are given here:—

1. Has his official sanction yet been given to the leasing by the City Council of part of Cook Park to a private club?—No.
2. What was the term of the proposed lease; was it 21 years?—A draft agreement submitted by the council proposes a tenancy for a period of 21 years.
3. What power has he to prevent alienation of public parks to clubs to the total or partial exclusion of citizens?—Under section 8 of the Public Parks Act, 1912, the Minister's consent is necessary to any lease by trustees of portion of a public park.
4. Is it a fact that he has already refused his sanction to a proposal by a council to allow portion of a public park to be used as a children's playground?—The honourable member probably refers to the proposal to utilise part of Wentworth Park, Glebe, for the purposes of a kindergarten and children's playground. The request was refused, but in view of further representations made, it is now being reconsidered.

This is a reminder that early this year a deputation from Mr. Trefle's own party waited on him, and asked him to refuse to sanction a longer lease to this club than two years, and that thereafter the City Council be compelled to run the park as a citizens' bowling green, as is the case the British towns, where municipal bowling greens and golf courses are open to all citizens on payment of a small fee for the use of the grounds and the lockers. It seems a long time for the Lands Department to brood over a simple matter such as this—a matter which affects the public rights of the citizens. If the Minister unhesitatingly refused a harmless request to allow a portion of a park to be used for so laudable a purpose as a children's playground, why should he hesitate so long over a proposal to alienate a public park to a bowling club for 21 years?

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A PROPER PRIDE IN ACHIEVEMENT.

The following circular has been sent to the "Herald," and its contents display some of that American flamboyancy which may be regarded as a characteristic of modern smartness, and is known by the term of "boosting."

Eight hundred and eight new buildings, valued at £295,387, and an increase of £115,210 on the assessed unimproved capital value of lands, is a summary of Canterbury's progress since the beginning of the year.

The popular and progressive Municipality of Canterbury continues as the most go-ahead area in New South Wales. During the year, large blocks of land were subdivided into fair-sized building allotments. Vast areas still remain.

It is fortunate for the residents of Canterbury that they have a far-seeing, and up-to-date council, who insist that one-fifth of the frontage of every allotment shall be reserved from building purposes, and that no building must cover more than two-thirds of the area of land on which it is erected. The squalid, dismal, and damp terrace tenements, which exist in the majority of the earlier settled suburbs, cannot be built in Canterbury. Every home has a reasonable amount of land, and 95 per cent. of them are wholly detached.

The recently revised building regulations preclude any possibility of the future erection of an unhealthy house, as every room must contain at least 1000 cubic feet of air space, and be properly ventilated.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the wise workers are flocking to Canterbury to make their homes. It is an ideal area for the working man.

This cannot be classed as reprehensible, because it is a welcome change from the annual report so well known in the past, which recorded no change in the placid existence of the councils, save perhaps the renewal of the loan for a road, which once was, but which had become the shadow of its former self. The circular is a record of solid achievements, and Canterbury, though it shouts its doings from the housetops, and leaves out the necessary addendum, "though we say it ourselves as shouldn't," is to be complimented on a regime of action and not of stagnation.

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THE NEW BILL.

The councils of shires and municipalities can congratulate themselves on the introduction of Mr. Griffith's Local Government Amendment Bill. This is a consummation of the combined labours of the councils, the Government, and the Local Government Branch of the Public Works Department. It is an epitome of the remedies which the councils have discovered to be necessary in the working out of the present law; and it is progressive, because the councils have found that their scope is in need of expansion rather than repression. This is probably the first occasion in New South Wales in which a thorough co-operation of the authorities which know and the Minister who can do has been used with great cordiality to benefit the citizens generally. Only one bone of contention of any consequence is included, and that is the franchise question.

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THE CLERK'S QUALIFICATION.

"Applicant" writes:—

"The following resolution was one of a number agreed to at the conference of the Local Government Clerks' Association at Sydney.—'That no certificate should be awarded by the local government examining committee unless the applicant have served a period of training in a town or shire clerk's office.' Amongst our town and shire clerks there are many first-class men, and, again, there are a number who, if they had to face the clerks' examination tomorrow, would fail miserably. It does seem strange that many of those who did not even have to sit for an examination, or, if they did, passed at a time when the standard was not so high as it has been the last few years, should try and keep many competent men out—men who could fail rings round them—simply because they have not served a period as assistant clerk. The man who to-day passes the clerks' examination should be might well qualified to take a position as town or shire clerk, and nobody is in a better position to know than some of those who agreed to this resolution, and it is to be hoped the Government will not degrade the standard of these examinations by adopting the association's proposal."

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PUNTING GARBAGE.

"Ratepayer" writes:—

"I have noticed in your columns, letters protesting against the removal of the city garbage to sea, and that this method is reported to be right out of date.

"While I do not wish to enter into any controversy, I would like to bring before your readers and the ratepayers of the city generally, the fact that both the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, which are considered the most up-to-date cities in the world, remove all their garbage and refuse to sea, and that no complaints have been made as to the stuff being washed up on to the coast, as it is taken out a sufficient distance to catch the currents, which wash it further out to sea, and not on to the beaches.

"I would also like to point out that the city of Brisbane take their refuse out to sea, and have done so for the last 25 years, and if any of our readers care to make any inquiries from the Mayor and aldermen in Brisbane, as to what complaints have been made, I am sure you will find that, so far back as 1900, no complaints whatever has been made whatever, as to the refuse being washed back on to the coast of Brisbane, although Brisbane is not so favourably situated as Sydney; it has a long river and a big bay, and one would think that if the argument put forth through your paper was correct, Moreton Bay would be a pretty hotbed of disease through the rubbish being washed up on to the beaches in the first climate.

"The same thing applies to Sydney when the garbage is not taken to sea a satisfactory distance, and the rubbish is loaded in punts, and it is impossible to take there far enough and in any good weather, which, even then, is a risk to the lives of the men who must be on the punts to discharge them. During rough weather it is absolutely impossible for these lighters to go to sea, consequently come clear of the Heads the stuff is dumped overboard, and then is washed on to the beaches along our coast."

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IMLAY SHIRE AND ARREARS OF RATES.

In this column a month ago some criticisms were based upon a published statement to the effect that the rates owing in Imlay shire amounted to £1009. The Clerk of Imlay shire now writes to correct the statement. He conveys the information that the arrears of rates at the date mentioned only amounted to £237. This, of course, makes a substantial difference in the financial position of the shire. Regret must be expressed that anything should have been published which would be calculated to mislead the public as to the financial affairs of the Imlay shire, or to cause misunderstanding as to the capacity of those in whose hands the administration is placed.

BARBER'S RASH SPREAD OVER FACE.
Amyville, Castlereagh-street, Singleton, N.S.W.,—"I unfortunately contracted the barber's rash, which had spread all over my face, and I suffered through this for about six months. I was recommended by a friend to try the Cuticura Remedies, which I did, with good results. I used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment as directed, and in about two or three weeks the rash was gone. I tried other remedies before, but was unsuccessful with them all. I had two boils on my neck, and I used the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment on them. I also had an abscess which had given me great suffering for a week, and after using the Cuticura Remedies for two or three days it broke and healed up well after." (Signed) A. E. Stewart, October, 1912.
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LORD MAYORALTY.

RE-ELECTION OF ALDERMAN RICHARDS.

BALLOT SYSTEM USED.

The election of a Lord Mayor for 1915 took place yesterday, Alderman R. W. Richards, the present occupant of the chair, being given a further 12 months' terms of office.

Only one member of the council was absent—Alderman Sandy, who is out of the State. There was a large attendance of the public, and the keenest interest was manifested in the proceedings.

MAYORAL ALLOWANCE.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee, which comprises the whole council, was held at 11.30 a.m., to fix the Mayoral allowance, which Alderman Walker moved be the same as for the present year, viz., £1500.

Alderman Cox moved an amendment, that the allowance be reduced to £750. He considered that that was a sufficient amount at the present, as there was a great deal of distress in the city, and this was not a time for entertaining people. Social functions were out of place. If a special rate were required for peace celebrations, which they all hoped would occur during the forthcoming year, he would make one to grant it, as was done on the occasion of the visit of the American Fleet.

The motion, fixing the allowance at £1500, was carried. Alderman Cox being the only dissentient.

METHOD OF VOTING.

Prior to the election of Lord Mayor, the proposal for voting by ballot, instead of the open vote, was reconsidered.

Alderman Walker moved that the council's resolution of December 1, in favour of open voting at the election, be rescinded. He said that in every well organised body the secret ballot system prevailed. With the open exhaustive vote some aldermen might find themselves in positions that they did not care about. He hoped they would change the voting system. The citizens were clamouring for reform. He thought that the newspapers were right in their contention that three men of the right calibre could do better than the 26 aldermen.

Alderman A. McElhone: Why don't you resign for a start?

Alderman Walker went on to say that one alderman had informed him that if he would not press the ballot motion for this election, he would support him next year. He had refused to make any bargain.

Alderman A. M'Elhone seconded the motion, which was then put, and carried by 13 votes to 11.

Aldermen Walker and A. M'Elhone then moved that the Lord Mayors be elected by ballot.

Alderman Thompson moved as an amendment that a system of preference voting be adopted. In the past there had been instances where the wrong men had been allowed to slip in. He regretted that at these elections there should be so much canvassing for votes. Things were done sometimes that were degrading to the high office. The old system of voting was an entirely unsatisfactory one, and he hoped they would never go back to it.

Alderman Clarke seconded Alderman Thompson's amendment.

Alderman Evan Jones (who last week completed 21 years' service as an alderman) suggested, amidst laughter, that the proper thing to do was to give the Lord Mayoralty to the oldest alderman.

The ballot system was adopted, Alderman Thompson's amendment for preference voting being defeated by 16 votes to 5.

THE NOMINATIONS.

Only two candidates were nominated, the others retiring by arrangement, in order that the contest should be a straight-out one, with no vote-splitting.

Alderman Griffin, in again nominating Alderman Richards, considered that they would be fully warranted in giving him a further term. He had an intimate knowledge of the work of the civic departments, and had displayed marked administrative ability. No Lord Mayor had done more, nor made so many improvements in the service. He had fully maintained the dignity of the office.

Alderman M'Grse, in seconding the nomination, said that the Lord Mayor had shown the way to effect many reforms. Where there had been failures in carrying out these reforms, they must not blame the Lord Mayor, but attribute them to the laxity of the council. He considered that Alderman Richards had carried out his duties conscientiously.

Alderman W. P. M'Elhone, chairman of the finance committee, was nominated by Aldermen Cox and Stephen.

The ballot was then proceeded with, and a few minutes later the scrutineers announced that Alderman Richards had been re-elected by 14 votes to 9.

LORD MAYOR AND HIS CRITICS.

At the conclusion of the election the Lord Mayor entertained the aldermen in the refreshment room, and several toasts were honoured.

Alderman W. P. M'Elhone, in proposing "The Lord Mayor," promised to give Alderman Richards the fullest support.

The Lord Mayor, in reply, paid a tribute to his opponent, and said that the contest had not given rise to the slightest unpleasantness. In spite of all that had been said and written to the contrary, he contended that he had lived up to the promises he had made when he was first elected. According to those who considered themselves competent to criticise he had failed to do what they thought he ought to have done, and could have done. Well, he was quite prepared to argue that out with them. He had not failed. He had done his duty without fear or favour, but it had to be remembered that the council was his master. If the council in its wisdom chose to disagree with some recommendation he might make, or that he (the Lord Mayor) should be well qualified to remedy had not. Well, he was about to ask the council? Apparently that was what some thought was his proper course, but he was not going to do that. The aldermen had responsibility the same as himself. He had set his heart on accomplishing various things, and in making changes that all knew were absolutely necessary in the interests of the citizens. But no one man, even if he were a Hercules, could fly in the face of the decision of the council on any question he might submit. There were serious questions engaging the consideration of the council, and the council was as competent to administer the affairs of the city as far as it was empowered by the council, with the approval of the Metropolitan Board.

The present scheme, though less pretentious, is intended to provide the various townships within the shire, with the exception of Como, with a permanent supply of water, at an approximate cost of £44,000. Mr. Harr

BIRTHS.

EPTHORP.—November 23, 1914, at Norse Brunswill's Private Hospital, Auburn, the wife of H. J. Epthorp—a daughter (Mabel).

HAHN.—December 9, at Lister Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Hahn—a son.

MACDONALD.—October 25, 1914, at Oban, Scotland, the wife of Hugh Macdonald, of a son.

SWIFT.—November 25, at Cairney Hill Private Hospital, Manly, the wife of A. J. Swift, Continental Cafe, Manly—a daughter (Kathleen).

DEATHS.

ADAMS.—December 9, at Manly, Sidney Charles, dearly-loved husband of May Adams, of 24 Norton-street, Manly, aged 35 years.

ADAMS.—December 9, 1914, at Melbourne Private Hospital, Manly, Sidney Charles, the beloved son and brother of Mrs. Adams and family, of Edenstreet, Arncliffe, in his 35th year. At rest.

BICE.—December 8, 1914, at Miles, Queensland, Walter Piggott, youngest beloved son of Reverend Charles and Mrs. Bice, Mosman.

COLE.—December 9, 1914, at the Manly Cottage Hospital, Daphne, dearly loved wife of Victor Cole, of Ocean-street, Bondi, aged 21 years.

COLLETT.—December 2, 1914, at Mungeraie, Moruya, Walter Clarke, youngest son of the late W. T. Collett, of Mungeraie, Moruya.

CUNNINGHAM.—December 9, 1914, at her residence, Lilyville, Belmont-street, Alexandria, Fanny, widow of the late Alderman Joseph W. Cunningham, in her 57th year.

FRASER.—December 9, 1914, at Kogarah, Thomas Henry, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth Fraser, aged 74 years, late of Roselle and Cronulla.

GEER.—December 8, at Prince Alfred Hospital, from motor accident, Norman Douglas Geer, aged 13 years.

HATFIELD.—At Prince Alfred Hospital (Bol.), Isaac Bolam Hatfield, third beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hatfield, of Cottesloe Beach, Fremantle.

HINDS.—December 9, 1914, at 83 Carabella-street, Kirribilli, Charles William Hinds, aged 67 years.

HUNTER.—December 9, 1914, at his residence, 87 Albany-road, Stanmore, Arthur, dearly beloved husband of Kathleen Hunter, aged 48 years.

McKWAN.—December 1, 1914, at Canberra, suddenly, H. McEwan, esteemed friend of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McKean.

MARCY.—December 9, at her residence, Wharf-road, Ermington, Julia Marcy, aged 78.

MOORE.—November 9, at his parents' residence, Narara, Eric Samuel, youngest son of Stan Moore, aged 3 years.

O'NEILL.—December 9, 1914, at her late residence, Forrest-street, Parramatta, Margaret, relict of the late James O'Neill, age 70.

PITTAR.—December 9, 1914, at the residence of her daughter (Mrs. O. F. Samuels, 469 Glebe-road, Glebe Point), Zilla, relict of the late John Pittar, and only sister of the Hon. John B. Turner, Suva, Fiji, aged 62 years.

ROBERTS.—December 9, 1914, at her residence, Bryn Ivor, Lord-street, Roseville, Mabel, dearly loved wife of Albert J. Roberts, late of North Fitzroy, London, aged 38 years.

SPRINGETT.—December 9, at St. Joseph's Hospital, suddenly, of typhoid fever, Leslie, dearly beloved eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Springett, of The Avenue, Granville, aged 20 years. At rest.

SUTHERLAND.—December 6, 1914, Mrs. Helen Sutherland, formerly of Wellington, N.Z., and of late years residing at Hazelhurst, River-road, Greenwich, aged 80 years.

WEIR.—November 27, at his residence, Wyandra, Deverstreet, Summer Hill, suddenly, George, youngest son of the late Captain John Weir and of Mrs. Weir, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst. Deeply regretted.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANDREWS.—In sad remembrance of our dear mother and grandmother, who died December 10, 1913.
Peace, perfect peace. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law and grandson, Lizzie, Joe, and Bert Brown, Rawson-street, Haberfield.

ANDREWS.—In loving memory of my dear mother and grandmother, who departed this life December 10, 1913, aged 72 years.
I did not know the pain you bore,
I did not see you die,
But only know you passed away,
And could not say good-bye.
Inserted by her daughter, Mrs. Davis, and children.

ANDREWS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Ann Andrews, who passed away December 10, 1913, at 57 Augustus-street, Leichhardt.
Not a sound disturbs your mother,
Not a care to mark your brow,
All your pains and trials are over;
You are happy resting now.
Inserted by her loving daughters, Clara and Clem.

ARCHER.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife, Charlotte Archer, who died on December 10, 1913, aged 51 years and 11 months.
Dearest wife, how I miss thy face
When dawning shades appear,
I long to hear thy loving voice
In evenings lone and dear.
And oft I picture in my mind
That beauteous home above,
And pray that God will lead me on
To her I fondly love.
And some day the silvery cord will break,
Some day the shadows flee,
And I will see my dear wife's face,
And she will speak to me.
Inserted by her loving husband, William Archer, Burwood.

ARCHER.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Charlotte Archer, who departed this life December 10, 1913, at Burwood, aged 51 years and 11 months.
One of the best that God could send,
Beloved by all—a faithful friend:
Called home from those who deeply love
To gain a glorious life above.
Inserted by her loving daughters, sons, and grandchildren, Eva, Blanche, William, Harry, Archie.

ARCHER.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, Charlotte Archer, who departed this life December 10, 1913, aged 51 years and 11 months.
A better mother never lived,
No one more true and kind,
Her equal in this weary world
We very rarely find.
Her heart was always in her home,
She toiled and did her best,
Until there came that sudden call,
And God called our dear mother to rest.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, E. and P. Horton, Burwood.

ARCHER.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Charlotte Archer, who died December 10, 1913. Inserted by her loving son, Archie.

BROWN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and my dear father, Leonard Patrick Brown, who departed this life December 10, 1913, aged 34 years. Inserted by his loving wife and son, Mary and Fred.

BROWN.—In loving memory of my dear son-in-law and brother-in-law, Leonard Patrick Brown, who departed this life December 10, 1913, age 34 years. Inserted by Mrs. Callaghan and family.

BUCK.—In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Hughey, who passed away December 9, 1913. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving sister.

CHAPMAN.—In loving memory of our dear father, Henry William, who passed away December 10, 1907. Not forgotten by his loving daughters, Rachel, Lil, and Ruby.

COLE.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Eliza Cole, who departed this life December 9, 1913, aged 56. R.I.P.
You are not forgotten, mother dear, nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last I shall always think of thee.
Far and oft my thoughts do wander to a grave so far away,
Where they laid my dearest mother just one year ago to-day.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Mark Codd, and grandchildren, Francis and Vera.

DAVIDSON.—In loving memory of my dear father, William Fife Davidson, who departed this life December 10, 1911, age 68 years.
Time may pass, but memory lingers
Round a grave not far away,
Where I laid my darling father
Just three years ago to-day.
Inserted by his loving daughter, Janet, and son-in-law, Percy Williams, and grandchildren.

DAVIDSON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear father, William Fife Davidson, who died December 10, 1911, aged 68 years.
His memory dwells within the hearts
Of those who knew his worth.
Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Sid and May Davidson.

EDMONDSON.—In loving memory of my dear son, Percy, who died December 10, 1912.
By and bye, when shadows deepen,
And the call comes down the line,
Let thy dear face be there to welcome
All those you loved and left behind.
Inserted by his loving mother, sisters and brothers.

EDMONDSON.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, Percy, who departed this life December 10, 1912. At rest. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Cecil and Louie, also his dear little nieces and nephews, Kathleen, Jean, Jack, and Harry.

HALLORAN.—In loving memory of Ernest Halloran, who died December 10, 1904. Inserted by his loving father, brother, and sister, Harold and Florrie.
Dead but not forgotten.

In sad and loving remembrance of our dear mother, who departed this life December 10, 1913. Inserted by her loving son and daughter and family, H. Archer, Flemington. Gone, but not forgotten.

HESKUP.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved son and brother, Percy Edward, who departed this life December 10, 1912, at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, after a long and painful illness, aged 18½ years; also our dear beloved daughter and sister, May, who departed this life June 17, 1908, aged 24 years and 11 days.
As the ivy clings to the oak,
So our memory clings to thee,
Inserted by their loving and sorrowing parents and brother, Reggie.

HESKUP.—In ever loving memory of our dear brother, Percy Edward, who departed this life December 10, at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, after a long and painful illness, aged 18½ years; also our dear sister, May, who departed this life June 17, 1908, aged 24 years and 11 days.
For twenty-four years our family chain
Was firmly linked together;
But, oh, that chain is broken now,
Two links have gone for ever.
Inserted by their ever loving sister and brother-in-law, Minnie and Charles Raenar.

KINNEAR (nee Young).—In fond memory of my dear sister Maidie, who was accidentally drowned at Queensland, December 10, 1913, aged 27 years. Inserted by her affectionate sister, Mrs. Beckhaus, Fenwick, Wentworth-road, Burwood.

LINDSAY.—In ever-loving memory of our darling daughter, Ella Eileen, who departed this life December 10, 1913, aged 1 year and 4 months.
Little we thought we would lose you so soon,
Lovel, little darling, just in your bloom;
Memory recalling, in fancy we trace,
Those, our darling, sweet little face.
Inserted by her loving parents and sisters, Henry and Ella Lindsay.

LYNCH.—In sad and loving memory of my dear husband and my dear father, William Lynch, of Alexandria, who passed away December 10, 1913, age 52 years.
So calmly he sleeps in God's holy care,
Released from all sorrow and pain;
For ever at rest in the arms of his Maker,
And humbly we pray we may meet again.
Inserted by his sorrowing wife and child.

LYNCH.—In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, William Lynch, who died on December 10, 1913.
A better son or brother never lived,
Nor one more true and kind;
His equal in this world
We very rarely find.
His heart was always in his home,
He toiled and did his best;
Until there came that sudden call,
And God called our dear Willie home to rest.
Inserted by his sorrowing father, mother, brothers, and sisters.

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IN MEMORIAM.

PAYNE.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife, Annie Ashfield Payne, who departed this life December 10, 1908. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving husband, William Fitzroy Payne.

ROBEY.—In loving memory of George Robey, who was accidentally drowned at Bankstown on December 10, 1912.
George is gone, but not forgotten,
As it dawns another year.
In the lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of him are always near.
Inserted by his uncle, Mr. W. Bonus, and his Aunt Carrie, of Aylesbury-street, Newtown.

SHAKESHAFT.—In ever-loving memory of our dear husband and father, Captain Thomas Shakeshaft, who departed this life December 10, 1910. Inserted by his loving wife, Amy, and son Jack.

SHAW.—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Ethel May, who died at 24 Chapman-street, Moore Park, December 10, 1913, 7 years.
You were always in my thoughts, dear Ethel;
'Tis sweet to breathe your name.
In life I loved you very dearly;
in death I do the same.
Inserted by her loving mother, sisters, and brothers.

SHAW.—In loving memory of dear Ethel May Shaw, who departed this life December 10, 1910.
Far and oft my thoughts do wander to a grave so far away,
Where they laid my dearest friend just four years ago to-day.
Inserted by her loving friend, Mrs. White.

TRUMAN.—In loved but loving memory of our dear son and brother, William Joseph, who departed this life on December 10, 1912, at his parents' residence, 29 Thurlow-street, Redfern, aged 26 years.
They miss you most who loved you best.
Still sadly missed by his loving parents, J. and L. Truman, brothers and sisters.

TRUMAN.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear brother, William Joseph, who departed this life December 10, 1912.
Two years have passed since that sad day when our dear Will was called away.
God took Him home, it was His will—forget him? No; we never will.
Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Agnes, Charles Percy, Bexley.

VINNICOMBE.—In sad and loving remembrance of our dear mother, who departed this life December 9, 1913. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, S. A. Vinnicombe.

WARNER.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Richard L. Warner, who departed this life December 10, 1907, aged 51 years. Sadly missed by his loving wife and child, Theresa and May Warner.

WARNER.—In loving memory of our dear and only child, Richard Levi Warner, who departed this life December 10, 1907.
In the lonely hour of thinking,
Thoughts of him are always near.
Inserted by his loving parents, L. and M. A. Warner.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. J. H. BALL and FAMILY, of Glenmore, Fred-street, Lewisham, desire to return their sincere THANKS to relatives and friends for floral tributes and kind expressions of sympathy in their recent and bereavement; also especially Nurse Patchett, of Fred-street, Lewisham.

The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1914.

FINANCE AND THE FUTURE.

There were two important points in the Premier's statement yesterday in the State Parliament with respect to financing the future. First, the Government is prepared to take all the responsibility of whatever arrangement may be made with Messrs. Norton Griffiths; and, second, it was recognised that some anxiety had been created in the city as a result of the Premier's statement on Tuesday. Taking the latter of these points at once for convenience, any announcement which indicates serious financial stringency as actual or possible must cause anxiety. The leader of the Opposition yesterday referred to the matter, we presume, because it was desirable that the Premier should have an opportunity of allaying public alarm; and Mr. Holman responded in a supplementary statement by declaring that for the ensuing twelve months there was nothing to warrant uneasiness. From the Treasurer's point of view this may be quite true. Nor do we propose to show that essentially the financial position of the State after 1915 will be unsound. It can only be unsound if the Government makes it so. Ministers have been able, with astonishing good fortune, to secure nearly 7½ millions of loan money to spend between now and next November; and if they were determined to spend it with an eye to all war's surprises and exactions there would be little left to discuss. The Government and the Opposition would be at one to secure real economy in administration and in the required expenditure for public works, and no immediate need would exist for going beyond the limits of another year. Sufficient unto the year in public finance is the evil thereof—with certain reservations in time of war. It is fairly certain that the coming year will give us breathing space. The Government should be able to carry on, and if it can show itself worthy of confidence the people of this State will not be wanting should appeal have to be made next November for a reconsideration of the whole basis of administration and expenditure. Mr. Holman, therefore, was quite right in seeking to reassure those who had been upset by his apparently alarmist references to cablegrams received and to a probable restriction of accommodation in the next financial year. We are at war, the Premier said; and in time of war it was inevitable that communications would be made and things done which must be kept secret. But apart from the needful silence involved, there was nothing to justify anxiety. Such was the Ministerial assurance.

Why, then, should the Government itself be anxious to finance so far ahead? Mr. Holman's announcement yesterday seems to indicate that some arrangement is to be made, that it is to be settled before Parliament is allowed to discuss the pros and cons, and that only when finality has been reached will members be informed of what has been done. This is on the lines suggested by the leader of the Opposition on Tuesday, no doubt, and it is in consonance with the principle that if the Government cannot take Parliament and people into its confidence it must trust them later on to give the necessary endorsement. Many things were done by the Cook Government for the Commonwealth on the outbreak of war which could not at once, or beforehand, be referred to the Federal Parliament. Time was too precious and the emergency too pressing. Is Mr. Holman's need, as representing the State in regard to future finance, equally urgent? It was promised yesterday that any firm other than Messrs. Norton Griffiths could approach the Government, and the implication was that Ministers were not at all in the position of impecunious persons outside a pawnshop. No suggestion of the sort is offered here; but the point we would make is that an agreement with Messrs. Norton Griffiths or some other firm, which cannot be discussed in Parliament in the usual way, ought to have the strength of both parties behind it. When Mr. Cook and his colleagues were caught in a whirlpool of responsibility on the outbreak of war they were assumed to have taken the leader of the Opposition into their counsels. The British Government has been loyally supported by Mr. Balfour and Mr. Bonar Law in its arrangements for prosecuting the war against Germany; and we cannot conceive any great proposal for financing it, which involved serious departures from precedent and safety, being converted into action without their knowledge and sympathy. If State finance must be touched with as long an arm as Mr. Holman would now put forward, why does he not offer to take Mr. Wade wholly into his confidence? There could be no question then of Parliament's subsequent endorsement of whatever is done. Mr. Holman will certainly incur the heaviest responsibility if he decides to act alone. How, as Premier, he can act without the caucus will be a puzzle, until we get the answer; and if he is to proceed to action with the caucus behind him there will be a paradox indeed. But, whether or no, the people of New South Wales only ask that the leaders shall work together, and with that assurance they will not hesitate to give the Government their full trust in a national crisis.

THE ACQUISITION OF WHEAT.

The bill which was disposed of by Parliament last night has, in one respect, been substantially improved since it was piloted through the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Hall. The amendment introduced in the Legislative Council by Mr. Flowers will satisfy many of the protests made both by Government and by Opposition members without causing any of the inconvenience involved by the alternative suggestions. The farmer may now be compelled to part with his wheat for five shillings a bushel if the State asks for it. He will get the price when the transaction is completed. But this statutory minimum will not be all that he may obtain eventually. If in his opinion the fair market price has been withheld he may go to the Necessary Commodities Commission and obtain from it the difference between that price and five shillings. The other suggestions made to the Legislative Council were that the price should be increased to six shillings, and that no sum should be stated, the farmer being offered a fair market price in each case. To the first of them it was answered that the Legislative Council, by deciding on an increase, would infringe the rights of the Legislative Assembly. To the second, that unless the fair market price were stated in the bill each seisure might be followed by all the intricacies and uncertainty of a claim for resumption. The amendment, it may be said, does not avoid uncertainty as to price, and may considerably hinder trade outside the proclaimed area. But it secures to the farmer the greater part of his price without delay, and it should provide him in the end with substantial justice. The bill through this alteration loses one of its most objectionable features. Its principle, however, is open to the objections which we urged when the bill was first mentioned by Mr. Holman. It is designed to prevent the farmer getting an exceptionally high price for his wheat, a price which would have enabled him through one harvest to make up for two, or even three, barren years. It is, therefore, a tax imposed on one class for the benefit of another, of the producer for the benefit of the consumer. Mr. Ashton, differing from the advocates of the bill, says that the benefit to each individual consumer will be very small, and the penalty on each producer very heavy, in some cases ruinous.

Whichever conclusion is right, the just course for the Government to take would have been to purchase the wheat necessary for its purpose, and sell at a reduced price, distributing the cost over the general body of taxpayers. The bill, moreover, imposes a strain on the machinery of administration for which it is very ill-prepared. The Executive has not gained so much distinction by its wheat seisures that it will inspire the public with confidence when armed with these new and wide powers of estimating the necessities of the State, and proclaiming the areas to be annexed. The Constitutional defect of the bill will, no doubt, be exposed by the courts if ever its machinery is enforced on a large scale. At present we need only draw attention to the burning nationalism of Mr. Hall, who, when he finds the letter, as well as the spirit, of the Constitution against him, will see to it that no trucks are available to carry wheat from one State. Mr. Ashton stated from his personal knowledge that many farmers were refusing to increase their wheat areas because of the uncertainty created by such legislation as this. We agree with him in thinking that the country would be more prosperous if Ministers were less ready to neglect the plain needs of the State for these dramatic activities. But we would point out that this particular bill should not deter any man from increasing his area under wheat. The bill does not prevent the prospects of the wheatgrower from being more attractive than they have been for many years past. If the price of wheat were kept down to five shillings—as it probably will be—he will be paid very considerably more than he could have dreamed of in previous years. He will at the same time find labour more abundant, and no obstacle placed between him and his enterprise except his own strength and the difficulty of obtaining bookstalls. The arguments for increasing the wheat area are both sentimental and practical. They are not answered by a bill which may very probably deprive farmers in one year of a reward which they have earned by their ill-fortune in the year preceding. The climate is still the farmers' most serious enemy, and that has not prevented the gradual extension of the wheat belt in this State when no inducement was offered by the prospect of an extensive demand from Europe.

THE TARIFF.

INTERSTATE COMMISSION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At the sitting of the Interstate Commission yesterday, S. P. Aronson, manufacturing jeweller and importer, opposed the imposition of duty on gold solder wire, largely used in the manufacture of watch-chains. If duty was imposed, he thought the chains would be imported instead of made here.

Augustus Wild, director of the Heathcote Chemical Company, asked for increased duty on mastic asphalt, and suggested £2 is. For refined bitumen he asked a duty of £4; and powdered asphalt £1 5s per ton.

Thomas Hogg, director of Jas. Miller and Co., asked duty of 20 per cent. on twine from Britain, and 25 per cent. foreign. The industry, at present, he said, could not compete with British and foreign goods.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. A. B. Piddington, chairman, said the work of the Commission since its creation included the hearing of 663 applications in 227 sittings, involving 1235 witnesses. The evidence taken by the Commission will be forwarded as soon as it is printed to the Minister for Customs.

WHITELEAD.

The Necessary Commodities Commission has reported to the Attorney-General, at his request, on the temporary increase in the price of white lead, soon after the outbreak of the war. The Commission states that the price was raised about 16 per cent., but has been gradually reduced again to its normal state. Under these circumstances the Commission is of the opinion that no further action is called for at the present time.

PERSONAL.

At the conclusion of the business in the Legislative Assembly last night, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. T. H. Thrower, invited the five deputy chairmen, Messrs. Burgess, Macdonald, Black, J. Storey, and Ball, to his room, and presented them each with a fountain pen, in recognition of their services in relieving him during the strenuous committee sittings of the session.

Mr. J. N. Radcliffe has been selected as the Queensland Rhodes scholar for 1915. Mr. Radcliffe is a past pupil of the Brisbane Grammar School, and proposed to take the final honours of examination in classics at the Queensland University next year. The new Rhodes scholar has figured prominently as a tennis player, and has been successful in other branches of sport.

Lieutenant T. Kanesuka, of the Japanese navy, was a passenger by the Hitachi Maru, which arrived last evening.

Miss Dolly Castles, the well-known singer, who has been abroad for several years, was a passenger by the Marama, which arrived from San Francisco yesterday.

Mr. Wallace, solicitor, of Vila, together with Mrs. and Miss Wallace, Mr. Pierpoint, and Mr. Wilson le Couteur, of the Joint Court, Vila, were passengers per the M.M. Company's steamer Pacifique yesterday.

Dr. P. V. Dwyer, Bishop of Maitland, returned to Sydney by the Marama on Tuesday, after having paid a visit to Rome, France, England, and America. When in France he attended the Eucharistic Congress, which this year was held at Lourdes.

Mr. C. J. Murphy, who recently retired from the position of manager of the electric telegraph branch, Sydney, was entertained at Bateman's Hotel on Saturday last by former colleagues and presented with a silver tea and coffee service. Mr. Murphy was connected with the postal service for 46 years.

Mr. Harry Davis, of Ballarat, merchant, who died on October 28, left estate valued at £64,313 to his widow and children.

Playgoers who remember the many small but exquisitely finished character impersonations with which Arthur Hunter has delighted audiences at the J. C. Williamson theatres during the past 15 years, notably as the eccentric head waiter in "The Merry Widow," will regret to learn of his death. The comedian suffered from consumption, and passed away at 7.30 last night after a painful illness, at 57 Albany-road, Stanmore. He was affectionately tended to the last by his wife, the "producer" of so many musical comedies for amateur clubs, at one time a leading and handsome figure as Katie Potter in the comic opera days of Nellie Stewart. There is a daughter, Miss Hope Hunter, now in Melbourne with the "Girl in the Taxi."

THE NAVAL BATTLE.

OFF THE CHILIAN COAST.

FOUGHT IN RAGING STORM.

UNEQUAL CONTEST.

Details of the naval battle which took place off the coast of Chili on Sunday, November 1, resulting in a German victory, are given in the San Francisco "Chronicle," which came to hand by the Marama yesterday.

The following message was sent from Santiago (Chili), November 4:—

No word came to-day from the British ships that engaged the German squadron off Coronel on Sunday, and the British side of the story is yet to be told.

According to German accounts, their armoured cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and the light cruisers Nurenberg, Leipzig, and Bremen escaped unscathed, while the British cruiser Monmouth was sunk, the cruiser Good Hope put out of action, and the cruiser Glasgow, with the transport Otranto, sent scurrying for shelter in the neutral port of Talcahuano, where they are bottled up by the Leipzig and Bremen. The Gneisenau and the Nurenberg arrived safely at Valparaiso, although somewhat the worse for the encounter with the British.

One report has it that the Glasgow, badly damaged, arrived in Coronel Bay, while the Otranto escaped to Puerto Montt. It has been impossible to determine the exact movements of these two vessels following the naval action.

Despite the fact that the British had only three fighting ships, as against five of the German, the decisive defeat of Rear-Admiral Cradock's squadron appears to have produced a profound impression. The battle took place in a heavy sea. The Germans opened fire at ten kilometres, and for a time all the British shots fell short. Later, when they got within range, their guns scored a few, only a few, hits, and the casualties among the German crews were said to consist of half a dozen wounded.

The German fire is described as having been excellent, although at the long range it required 400 hits to put the British out of the fight.

The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau came from Australia, calling on October 14 at Easter Island, where they took on large quantities of provisions. British mail steamers in Chilian waters are sailing under the protection of Chilian torpedo boat destroyers.

BATTLE FOUGHT IN STORM.

A message from Valparaiso stated that the victory of the German fleet, under Admiral von Spee, was the sensation of the hour there. That the Germans were able to sink or scatter the British squadron with only minor damage to their own ships and a casualty list of only two wounded is a subject of wonder. The Monmouth is known to have been lost with practically all of her crew, as a result of this first big naval fight of the war; the Good Hope was severely damaged and on fire when she escaped under cover of darkness, and it is believed here that she went to the bottom, while the Glasgow and the Otranto took refuge in a Chilian port.

The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, and Nurenberg still were in the harbour to-day, coaling and provisioning, in preparation for steaming away later in the day. It is supposed they will relieve the cruisers Leipsic and Bremen, which have the Glasgow and Otranto bottled up in the port of Talcahuano, eight miles northwest of Concepcion. It would seem like madness for these British ships to leave this haven of refuge, and it is likely they will be dismantled and interned unless a superior British and Japanese fleet should make its appearance and go to their relief.

Admiral von Spee, in his official report of the battle, which took place off on Sunday afternoon off the Chilian island of St. Maria, says the action lasted only an hour, being discontinued at nightfall, when the British were forced to give way. "The Good Hope," he says, "was then so badly damaged that she was unable toresist and could only make her escape protected by the darkness. The Monmouth, under identical conditions, tried to escape, but was followed by a small cruiser, and was sunk with a few shots. Owing to the hurricane that was blowing, no boats could be lowered, and consequently there was a terrible loss of life."

The German Admiral, in noting the escape of the Glasgow and the Otranto, says it was due to their speed and the darkness. Details of the fight, picked up from conversations with German officers who came ashore from the warships, show that the Germans, owing to the superior range of the guns on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, opened fire when six miles away. As the ships closed in, and the range came down to four miles, the British ships were able to reply, but by that time they were already seriously damaged.

BRITISH FOUGHT HEROICALLY.

The Germans declare that the British fought heroically, but that their artillery was ineffective against the superior weight of metal that the Germans were able to pour from the more modern guns of the armoured cruisers. It is stated, however, that the light German cruisers pluckily closed in on the British, and took part in the battle. One of them, it appears from the official report, gave the Monmouth her death blow, as, crippled and in flames, she tried to escape.

THE CRIPPLED FLAGSHIP.

On the following day the following message from Valparaiso was published:—

"A wireless cry from the British cruiser Glasgow—intercepted by the German victors—was the last word received from Rear-Admiral Cradock's squadron following the engagement off the Chilian coast. The Germans saw that the Monmouth was beyond all question on board the Good Hope that they believe sent the crippled flagship to the bottom. All that night the German cruiser Nurnberg searched the seas unsuccessfully for the Good Hope. They picked up a radiogram directed to the flagship by the Glasgow. There was no reply.

"There were about 650 men on the Monmouth when she disappeared beneath the waves. Admiral Cradock had 900 men with him on board the Good Hope. Whether the Glasgow and the transport Otranto, which escaped destruction, survived the damage suffered is not known. The whereabouts also of the German cruisers Leipzig and Bremen remains in doubt.

"Further details of the first really important naval battle of the war became known from statements made by German officers. The latter did not hesitate to commend the bravery of the British, and intimated that an effort to save lives would have been made if the weather had permitted.

UNABLE TO GET GUNS INTO ACTION.

"The engagement was fought in the teeth of a norther that assumed almost hurricane proportions. Small boats could not live in the sea. The heavy weather militated against the larger ships, and the Good Hope found her guns almost useless because of the ship's roll.

"The German China fleet, the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, and Nurnberg, had joined the cruisers Leipzig and Bremen, which had been detached to patrol the coast north of Valparaiso. The unit proceeded southward apparently well aware of the rendezvous of the British off Conception Bay. At the same time the British cruisers Monmouth and Glasgow, accompanied by the transport Otranto, moved north to meet the flagship Good Hope. The British evidently were not aware of the proximity of the Germans, and they met off Coronel.

"It was 6 o'clock on Sunday when the Germans sighted the three British ships. The latter attempted to alter their course, evidently with the intention to approach the coast, and gain territorial waters, and so avoid an unequal match. The Germans, however, headed them off, and forced the battle.

"At the moment that the German guns were trained the Good Hope was seen coming at full speed, and through good seamanship she managed to join the other British ships.

GERMANS CONCENTRATE FIRE ON THE GOOD HOPE.

"The British had come about, and the two squadrons sailed southward in parallel lines, the Germans being nearer the coast. Gradually the two lines came nearer to each other, and the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau simultaneously let go their twelve 8-inch guns, which they concentrated on the Good Hope. The firing continued for several minutes without damage. The German shots fell short, and the Good Hope had such a roll that she could not reply. The small cruisers were far out of range.

"Slowly the sea fighters drew in nearer, and when the two units were but 6000 yards apart the Good Hope fired her two 9-inch guns. She was still unable to use her eight 6-inch guns, which on the gun deck were so near the water line that as the vessel rolled they were almost awash.

"A terrible broadside from the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau crippled the British flagship, and her engines stopped. The Monmouth, recognising the distress of her companion, made a dash to cover the Good Hope, but by that time the distance separating the two squadrons had been reduced to 5000 yards, and the Germans were able to bring all their ships into action, and to use all the guns of the five vessels. These were directed first against the Monmouth, Glasgow, and Otranto.

OTRANTO AND GLASGOW ESCAPE.

"The Otranto, badly damaged, escaped in the gathering darkness, and soon afterward was followed by the Glasgow, which also had been put out of action, but continued apparently seaworthy.

"The five German ships continued their attack on the Monmouth and Good Hope until in a few minutes the former sank. By this time only 4500 yards separated the fighters.

"The Good Hope, badly damaged, hung on until an explosion occurred on board. She withdrew to the westward at 7.30 o'clock. As she disappeared she was seen to be in flames. Whether her crew was able to check the fire or if the explosion finally sunk her is not known. The flames died down, and she was not seen again.

"The Nurnberg searched until daylight for the wounded ship, when the German officers concluded that she had been lost with all her crew. The only trace found of the British was in the wireless message in which the Glasgow called unsuccessfully for the flagship.

"It was impossible to save any of the crew of the Monmouth, as the Germans could not put over the small boats in the face of the gale, and the Monmouth could not have lowered her boats.

BRITISH SHIPS DISAPPEAR.

"Contrary to the first reports, the Glasgow did not reach Coronel or Talcahuano, nor did the Otranto find a Chilian port. The German fleet, with the exception of the Leipzig and Bremen, after putting in here, sailed again yesterday. If they had any word of the Leipzig and Bremen they did not make it known. The transport Prinz Eitel anchored in the bay last night."

BATTLE OF THE AISNE.

A GRAPHIC ACCOUNT.

The following are extracts from a letter from an officer who was engaged in the battle of the Aisne, and was invalided home:—

"I am getting along grandly, but am not quite up to pitch for bully beef and biscuits yet. I have to go before a board before the 28th, when I join the reserve battalion if passed fit, and take out a draft, I presume. —— is there at present, but has a month's light duty. He got hit by a shrapnel pellet behind his good knee. —— was, perhaps, the only one of our losses you actually know, though —— and —— are as good as lost; but while there is a doubt they must be reported as wounded and missing. They were knocked down over the first day of the Aisne, before we were forced back to the line where we entrenched and hung on against countless night attacks and continual shelling for eight days, and where, incidentally, we had our first experience of the 'coal boxes.' Our own battalion crossed the Aisne over a single rifle plank on Sunday night, and billeted in Vailly, under cover of outposts that night. We arrived at daybreak, and got about a mile beyond Vailly to advance beyond our outposts. My company went out to support the 7th on extreme left, and had no opposition till we emerged from a thick woods (which abound everywhere) on to a turnip field, when we came face to face with a German trench about 40 yards off. ——'s platoon was nearest to it, and charged with the bayonet, about 12 Germans calmly walked out of it to the rear—all of whom we shot. The others offered no advance, and after going about another 40 yards towards another wood about 200 German heads appeared out of the turnips and fired at us. I don't think they hit a soul. They then put up two white flags on their flanks, and we decided to rush them. At that moment the flags went down, and a large khaki arm was put up in the centre. At the same moment two maxims on either flank opened on us and gave us ——, and I perceiving about a battalion advancing from a wood on our right, ordered a retirement on to the 7th in rear. The moment we started, a Howitzer began to fire case-shot into us where the khaki screen had been, and it meant facing about and gradually crawling back to the wood, using supporting fire as best we could. The maxims did terrific work, although another platoon tried to turn the one on our

IN POLAND.

Interesting Situation.

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

It is suggested that the Germans are hoping to hamper the Russian operations near Cracow by obliging the Russians to concentrate in Poland, between the Vistula and Warta.

Berlin has been celebrating the capture of Lodz, and the Germans claim that they are pursuing the retreating Russians.

A war correspondent at Petrograd states that of the two German army corps recently cut off south of Lodz 20,000 surrendered, and 80 per cent. of the rest were killed or wounded.

The brilliant capture of Vermelles, between Lens and Bethune, gives the French an important position on the western front.

A fierce struggle is going on in France in the Argonne.

The Boer rebel leader General Beyers is supposed to have been drowned in crossing the Vaal River.

POLISH BATTLES.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9.

It is officially announced in Berlin that the Germans in the east and south of Lodz are pursuing the rapidly retreating Russians. The latter lost 5000 prisoners, 16 guns, and ammunition waggons.

In Berlin the capture of Lodz was celebrated by a universal display of flags and demonstrations in the streets. Herr Bassermann, addressing the National Liberals in the Reichstag, said: "We shall hold fast for all time the countries fertilised by German blood. 'By bloody war to splendid victory.' That is our motto during this great time."

TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER.

GERMAN ARMY CORPS' PLIGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The Petrograd correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle," telegraphing under date of Friday, supplies details of the disaster to the two German Army Corps under General Mackensen, when the 25th and 3rd Guards Corps were cut off south of Lodz.

General Mackensen's other troops were bombarding Lodz from the west. The two army corps were unable to retire, and attempted to cut their way via Brezizy. The road lay in a hollow, in the midst of wooded country. Hard pressed in the rear, the two army corps fought desperately for four days, though short of ammunition.

On the fifth day they made a final attempt to reach Brezizy, where the troops which held Ivangorod in October were stationed. The Russian commander shelled Brezizy for nine hours, until only half the town was standing. He then ordered a general assault.

By nightfall only scattered remnants of 80,000 remained, 20,000 surrendering. Eighty per cent. of the remainder were killed or wounded, the rest being fugitives in the woods.

The horrors were accentuated by the confined area of the carnage. The dead lay in great heaps in Brezizy, while occasional heaps of dead dotted the countryside for miles.

December 1, 2, and 3 saw the climax of the German attempt to capture Lodz, where the Russian defenders were almost surrounded. The Germans reached Rokice, within four miles of the south end of Lodz. Heavy guns were meanwhile shelling the north of the city from Zgiers, and several hundreds of civilians were killed.

The Russian artillery was unable to locate the enemy until an aeroplane, on December 3, reported his approximate position. A colonel of artillery, with a few assistants, dragged a field telephone during the night to within half a mile of the German position. Despite searchlights, the colonel then lay on the ground, and directed the Russian fire until the German battery was silenced, when he returned without injury.

During the night of the 3rd there were 700 guns in action around Lodz, the sound of the firing being heard at Warsaw, 60 miles distant.

A German assault followed. Masses of men dashed into the glare of the searchlights, regardless of an inferno of bullets. The Siberians allowed the Germans to reach within 50ft before they fired rifles and machine guns. The assault was an utter failure.

The Russians had relatively light casualties. The Germans lost over 100,000 killed in the Lodz district. It is impossible to estimate the wounded, for which scores of trains continue to pass Kalisz.

There were many German spies in the district. On December 1 the Council of War decided to evacuate Lodz, but cancelled the order the following day.

Meanwhile convoys commenced to move. The Germans, knowing of the order to evacuate, but ignorant of its cancellation, thought only the rearguard was protecting Lodz, and swooped down on the city. They were promptly driven back, losing 4000.

The "Novoe Vremiya" states that when the two army corps were surrounded, they marched in every direction, seeking an outlet, but always came upon a wall of Russian bayonets. They then buried their guns and ammunition, abandoned their transports, and, leaving the highroads, marched through the fields to avoid the Russian fire. They finally took refuge in houses at Brezizy, but these proved a deathtrap, and the Germans therein were relentlessly exterminated with the bayonet.

GERMANS THROWN BACK.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.

The first stage of the Vistula-Warta battle has ended by the Germans being thrown back from Lowicz to Lask. They are now threatening Lodz and Petrikow, hoping thereby to save East Prussia and hamper the Russian operations near Cracow by pouring in reinforcements, which may oblige the Grand Duke Nicholas to concentrate the greater part of his forces between the Vistula and the Warta. The latest German attack from Kalicz has spent itself.

Thus far the Grand Duke Nicholas has not been obliged to relax his attack upon Cracow, though a new Austro-German counter attack is developing southwards of Cracow.

EXPLOSIVE TRAINS COLLIDE.

A terrible collision occurred between two German trains laden with pyroxilin and shells at Kielce. Both were utterly destroyed and none of those on board the trains survived. The explosion was heard thirty miles away.

MOTOR CORPS BUSY.

During the fighting near Lask several motor cars belonging to the Fourth Russian Armoured Motor Corps ran into a large German force, which was advancing to occupy a wood.

Machine guns wrought terrible havoc. The Germans became panic-stricken and fled.

Germans attempted a motor car surprise near Cracow. The Russian fire overturned one car and the remainder fled.

POLISH PLOT.

ROME, Dec. 9.

The Austrians have withdrawn all their Polish regiments from before Cracow. They have also expelled all the Polish inhabitants from the city, owing to the discovery of a plot to surrender the city to the Russians.

WESTERN FRONT.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

BRILLIANT ATTACK.

PARIS, Dec. 9.

A communique states: We repulsed a violent attack at Sainte Loi.

A very fierce struggle continues in the Argonne.

A communique yesterday stated: The enemy is more active along the Yser and around Ypres. Our artillery replied successfully.

Our very brilliant attack, which carried the Vermelles and Rutoire position, marked the end of a determined two months' struggle, in which we sapped and mined since we were expelled from Vermelles on October 25.

Our heavy artillery dispersed several of the enemy's positions on the Aisne and in the Champagne district. We gained some ground in the Argonne, in the Labyrurie wood, also north-west of Pont-a-Mousson.

BRITISH RECAPTURE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9.

The British have recaptured Passchendaele.

ALLIES' GOOD WORK.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

A fierce night attack took place at Dixmude on December 6, owing to the sudden massing of Germans. The Allies replied, using hand grenades. Later on the Allies replied with a counter attack, and rushed the German trenches. The Germans lost heavily, and left many dead in the trenches.

The Allied fleet on Tuesday resumed the bombardment of the Belgian coast.

The capture of Vermelles is important, as it gives the French a strong position commanding a considerable stretch of country including Lens and Pont-a-Veudin, where a number of railways converge, by which the Germans are provisioning their forces.

AERIAL WARFARE.

FRENCHMAN'S FEAT.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.

A French airman attempted to bombard petroleum and ammunition stores at Feluy, near Hainault. The Germans opened fire, compelling the airmen to ascend.

A German biplane followed, but the Frenchman escaped after dropping bombs on and exploding three cars of an ammunition train.

BRITISH AIRMEN KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Germans in Ostend shot down a hydro-aeroplane last month, the occupants, Sub-lieutenant the Marquis of Anglesea, left Eastchurch, Kent, for a flight abroad. The hydro-aeroplane did not reach its destination, and no tidings had been heard of it.]

GERMAN LOSS.

A French "seventy-five" brought down a German aeroplane on Monday. Three aeronauts were killed.

Two aeroplanes, engaged at Hazebrouck, dropped seventeen bombs. Twenty people were killed.

CALLOUS GERMANS.

CIVILIANS MASSACRED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9.

The "Telegraaf" publishes an eye-witness's account of a German outrage at Dinant. The French on evacuating the city fired at the incoming Germans, and the latter accused the townsfolk of the act. They placed 153 men on one side of the parade square and the women and children on the other side, with a firing party between.

A scene of heart-rending agony took place, the women and children kneeling in supplication before the German officers. The Germans fired, and the 153 men fell, writhing in a welter of blood. Two were unhurt, and four only slightly wounded, but they pretended to be dead. An officer cried, "Those able to rise must stand," and the six men rose. Another volley met them, and they fell. The officer ordered machine gunners to fire for some time upon the bodies. The women and children meanwhile were distracted with grief and terror.

GERMAN EMPEROR.

SLIGHT INDISPOSITION.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.

It is officially stated in Berlin that the German Emperor is suffering from feverish bronchial catarrh, and has been obliged to postpone for some days his return to the front, though he was able yesterday and to-day to receive and direct reports thence.

TURKISH REVERSE.

RUSSIAN TROOPS LAND.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.

A communique states that Turks from Trebisond attempted to prevent the landing of Russian troops at Batum (a Russian seaport on the Black Sea). The transports' guns supported the infantry frontier guards, who routed the enemy with heavy loss.

The debarkation was carried out.

SERVIAN CASUALTIES.

A HUNDRED THOUSAND.

NISH, Dec. 9.

M. Pachitch, President of the Servian Council, states that the Servian casualties already number 100,000.

SOUTH AFRICA.

GENERAL BEYERS' FATE.

PRETORIA, Dec. 9.

It is officially stated that the rebel leader, General Beyers, is believed to have been drowned crossing the Vaal River.

General Beyers was fleeing across the Vaal River under the fire of General Dutoit's commando, when his horse was shot. Beyers was apparently wounded, and drifted down stream and disappeared.

SUBMARINE RAIDS.

BRITISH AND FRENCH.

PARIS, Dec. 8.

M. Victor Augagneur, Minister for Marine, interviewed regarding the naval operations during the war, remarked that British and French submarines were daily performing raids with remarkable audacity.

THE EMDEN.

COCOS ISLAND MESSAGE.

CAIRO, Dec. 9.

Captain Wallingford states that when the news of the Emden was received they mounted a maxim behind a barricade of sacks of flour, and intended to allow the Emden to approach, and rake her bridge when she came within range. He is of the opinion she would have been given a warm reception.

The operators at Cocos Island suspected the Emden, because they had just received a wireless message which they knew to be Telefunken owing to its high note. The operator answered, "What is your code," and the Emden replied with an attempt to jam the Cocos wireless messages. This failed, and Cocos despatched the S.O.S. call.

RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS.

SOUTH AMERICAN WATERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

Representatives of twenty republics of Central and South America met under the presidency of Mr. Bryan, Secretary of State. They agreed that the activities of belligerents in South American waters had already created considerable friction, and it was decided to appoint a commission, consisting of diplomats, to formulate some practical steps with a view to the more vigorous assertion of neutral nations' responsibilities. The conference agreed that the form in which the operations of belligerents were developing rebounded to the injury of neutrals, because the respective rights of belligerents and neutrals were not clearly defined.

It is proposed that the diplomatic commission shall report its findings to the governing board of the Pan-American Union.

NOT TO BE IGNORED.

DOMINIONS' FORCES.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.

Sir R. L. Borden, at the Canadian Club, controverted Bernhardi's statement that the self-governing colonies might be ignored, and said that before the war closed Germany would be confronted with a quarter of a million soldiers from the dominions.

TO RESIST SEIGE GUNS.

NEW STEEL DISCOVERY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.

Professor A. A. Michelson, head of the Department of Physics of Chicago University, has announced the discovery of a new process to triple the present strength of steel, which would enable fortifications to resist the heaviest guns. Skyscrapers could be erected of hitherto unattainable heights, and huge suspension bridges laid.

Professor Michelson is a scientist of high reputation. He was born in Germany in 1852. He graduated in the United States Naval Academy, where he was subsequently instructor in physics and chemistry. He studied at the Universities of Berlin, Heidelberg, College de France, Cambridge, and Yale. In 1907 he was awarded the Nobel prize for physics.

UNITED STATES POLICY.

PEACE AND DEFENCE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

President Wilson, in opening Congress yesterday, said he objected entirely to compulsory military service, declaring that it was not necessary. (Democratic cheers.)

Dr. Wilson, answering demands for increased armaments, said that if unpreparedness for war meant that the country was not ready at brief notice to put a nation of men trained to arms in the field, then the United States was unprepared. She would never be ready while she retained her present political principles and institutions. But if he was asked: "Are we ready to defend ourselves," he would reply, "Yes, to the uttermost; but I will not turn America into a military camp and ask youths to spend the best years of their lives becoming soldiers." There was another sort of energy in the United States which would make itself effective when the occasion arose.

A powerful navy was America's proper defence. He advocated the development of a national guard. It was right that the American policy should provide a system whereby every citizen volunteer might be familiarised with modern arms and the rudiments of drill and manoeuvre.

He reiterated the plea for the passage of a bill enabling the Government to buy interned ships. American trade routes must be opened by many ships with regular sailings and moderate freights before merchandise would flow freely and profitably.

Proceeding, Dr. Wilson referred to how the United States had stunted and hindered the growth of its mercantile marine. Government shipping services to Central and South America were imperative.

The administration programme regarding the legislation of business was virtually completed, and the road was now clear before every honest business man.

The President declared, in conclusion, that when half the world was on fire, the United States should be careful to make moral insurance against the spread of the conflagration defined, certain, and adequate.

"Nations," he said, "will need our help for manifold services as they never needed it before. Our friendship with all the nations constitutes the United States' greatness. We are the champions of peace, and should be very jealous of this distinction, because our dearest hope is that it will enable us presently to obtain peace for the world."

Although some Americans were nervous and excited, he said, there was no need to turn the country into a military camp.

The speech was received with enthusiasm.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

BRITISH DYEWORKS SCHEME.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

At a meeting of Lancashire and Yorkshire business men, Mr. Moulton explained the national dyeworks scheme of the Government. It was proposed, he said, to establish dyeworks and to raise a spare capital of three million pounds, if the Government guarantees a debenture issue of a million and a half. Mr. Moulton said that two million pounds' worth of dyes were consumed in Great Britain annually. The dye was essential for industrial products, valued at £200,000,000, whereon a million and a half men were dependent. Only one-tenth of the dyes were now produced in Great Britain, and stocks were rapidly diminishing. Germany was exercising intense pressure to prevent Sweden from giving help. The meeting unanimously approved of the proposal.

AUSTRALIAN MEAT.

Sir Thomas Robinson (Agent-General for Queensland), who has returned from a week's visit to France, states that the Government officials informed him they were greatly pleased with the Australian meat, of which the army and navy were consuming large quantities.

He stated that that fact was likely to lead to considerable trade when the war is over.

Sir Thomas Robinson also inspected the Australian hospital, and was much gratified with its efficiency and excellent organisation.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Australian War Contingent Association is sending each soldier a box of chocolates as New Year greetings. Hospital accommodation at the Convalescent Home, England, has been placed at the disposal of the association.

ROME, Dec. 9.

Ahmed-el-Sheriff, Chief of the Senussi (Mussulman Brotherhood), is meeting adherents in Egypt for the purpose of affirming loyalty to Great Britain.

BEFORE THE WAR.

CHANGED ATTITUDE OF GERMANS.

BRITISH ENTERPRISES HARASSED.

A prominent citizen of Sydney has received from a gentleman resident in London an interesting letter relating to the war, from which the following is extracted:—

"I suppose you have read Bernhardi's book published some two or three years ago, which indicates quite clearly the intentions of the German people.

"I think a good deal of the disillusionment here has arisen from the fact that most of the Radical papers were for years preaching the good faith and peaceable intentions of the Germans, and they have had a sad awakening. I was told the other day that it was quite clear that they had misled their readers. They had for a long time been publishing statements issued to them by Wolff's Telegraphic Bureau, which, of course, has been run in the interests of the German Government.

"Last winter I made six journeys to Berlin, and it was extraordinary to see the change which had come over the German people, particularly the military, who were very aggressive and arrogant, and evidently bursting for a fight. The attitude of the German people altogether towards foreign capital was very hostile, and many businesses with foreign capital in Germany had suffered from various forms of boycott. American motor cars, sewing machines, and so on, had been pretty badly handled. Places like the White City which had been started in Berlin with British capital, were harassed by police restrictions and had to close their doors. Usually these sort of things re-opened shortly afterwards under German auspices.

"I am glad to see that the Australian people are taking the matter seriously. Over in this country we have not sufficiently appreciated it yet. Personally, I doubt very much whether the war will be over for another 12 or 18 months, at any rate, from the military point of view. It may come to an end pretty quickly from the economic point of view in Germany, as they are feeling the loss of foreign trade very acutely, and it is obvious that their plans for speedy victories have gone all agley.

"I am told that for some weeks past it was almost impossible to get hold of a gold coin in Germany, as the Government had been making house to house visitations, requiring everybody to deliver up their gold in exchange for notes."

A GERMAN CARGO.

The Premier is in communication with Mr. Fisher respecting a shipment of chlorate of potash, said to be on board the German steamer Ernst, seized by the Commonwealth. Potash in large quantities is used by State departments for explosive purposes in connection with public works, and the Prime Minister is being asked to make some portion of the cargo available to the State.

WAR NOTES.

POSITION IN POLAND.

The news from Poland published this morning cannot be regarded as altogether satisfactory. The thrilling description of the hunting of portion of General von Mackensen's army as telegraphed by the Petrograd correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" deals with events now many days old, and has no bearing on the situation as it is to-day. The outstanding item in our cables is the official Russian statement that the defence of Lodz is no longer urgent, and that it is probable that the Russian line in the Lodz region will be re-formed. This cannot be read in any other way than foreshadowing the news that the Russians are withdrawing from Lodz. Whatever strategic importance the Russians ostensibly place upon Lodz, the fact remains that it is an important city on the Warsaw-Kaliah railway, and the German possession of it marks a distinct gain for the invaders. Then we are told that the Germans are now threatening Petrikow, which is about 30 miles south-south-east of Lodz. This means that the advance from Szczercow, which we pointed out a few days ago constituted one of the critical phases of the situation, has developed considerably, as Petrikow is about 30 miles east of Szczercow. Petrikow is on the Warsaw-Czenstochowa railway, and should the Germans secure possession of it they will certainly hamper the Russian operations in the Czenstochowa-Cracow region. From further south comes the news that "so far" the Russians have not been obliged to relax their attack on Cracow, though a new Austro-German counter attack is developing southwards of that city. So, on the whole, we must face the fact that the Russians have once more been brought to a halt generally, and have had to give ground at several points. The Grand Duke Nicholas will have his hands full in preventing the Germans from advancing further at Lodz, Petrikow, and south of Cracow simultaneously, as well as holding them in check throughout the remainder of the long battle line. But there is this comforting reflection for us, that, whatever temporary successes the Germans may achieve, the Russian numbers must eventually spell their doom.

VERMELLES REGAINED.

Vermelles, the town in France upon which the official messages are laying a good deal of stress, is about five miles south-west of La Bassee, and six miles north-west of Lens. Emphasis is placed on the fact that this is an important position, as it commands a considerable stretch of country, including Lens and Pont-a-Vendin, a junction of four railway lines a little to the south. But notwithstanding its importance, we are only now told that the Allies were driven out of it on October 25, and that they have been determinedly working their way back towards it ever since. The incident shows that the violent German attacks between La Bassee and Lens, of which a bare mention was sometimes vouchsafed us in October, resulted in a considerable westward bend of the Allies' line, and we may well suppose that there was some critical fighting before the German advance was checked. Apparently the Germans having established themselves at Vermelles, were unable to push out the sides of the wedge they had driven into the Allied line, and it was probably the pressure of their flanks that was the vital factor in their eventual retreat. Calm reflection on the Vermelles affair brings us to the realisation of the point that the cables have it in them to spring surprises on us—and not always with the events of yesterday.

JAPAN AND THE EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN

"W. J. H." (Grafton) wants to know "what the Japanese troops are doing, and why they are not helping the Allies in Belgium, where they are so much needed," and adds, "a great number of their men must now be at liberty since they have taken the German possessions in China." Under the Anglo-Japanese alliance there is no obligation on the part of Japan to prosecute a war against Germany outside the Far East. The object of that alliance is: (a) The consolidation and maintenance of the general peace in the regions of Eastern Asia and India; (b) the preservation of the common interests of all Powers in China by insuring the independence and integrity of the Chinese Empire, and the principle of equal opportunities for the commerce and industry of all nations in China; (c) the maintenance of the territorial rights of Britain and Japan in the regions of Eastern Asia and of India, and the defence of their special interests in those regions. At the very outset Japan let it be understood that in sending her ultimatum to Germany she intended to confine her activities to the Far East. It will, perhaps, be remembered that the Official Press Bureau issued the following communique at the time:—"It is understood that the action of Japan will not extend to the Pacific Ocean beyond the China Seas except in so far as it may be necessary to protect Japanese shipping lines in the Pacific, nor beyond Asiatic waters westward of the China Seas, nor to any foreign territorry except territory in German occupation on the Continent of Eastern Asia." So far nothing has occurred to warrant a request being made to Japan to help her Western ally on land in Europe. Japanese troops are not "so much needed" in the Franco-Belgian theatre of war as our correspondent seems to think. The position there can be adequately dealt with by the French and British troops now in the field, and future contingencies seem to be well provided for by the men now in training. It is just possible—but by no means probable—that Japan might yet be invited to give some assistance at a point elsewhere than in France, and there is not the slightest doubt that she would willingly respond to such a request, even though the purview of the Alliance is so specifically limited to the Far East.

CONSCRIPTION AND VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

In reply to "W. G. T." (Drummoyne), who asks a series of questions concerning conscription and voluntary service:—(1 and 2) To get to the beginning of conscription you would need to go back to the dawn of history. But modern conscription as we know it may be taken to date from the law introduced by Napoleon in 1798. The armies of the French revolution were at first raised entirely by voluntary enlistment. The extraordinary success of Napoleon's arms attracted recruits, and for some time no difficulty was experienced in raising enormous armies. But the long-continued wars with almost every nation of Europe eventually drained the country of the class willing to volunteer for service, and compulsory enlistment became necessary. Then in 1798 a law was made authorising conscription, by which every able-bodied man was compelled, if called out, to serve for at least five years. To keep pace with France, other nations were forced to adopt the new system, until, finally, England was the only European exception to the rule of compulsory service; although even in Britain there is a theoretical liability to conscription under the terms of the Ballot Act. The United States is the other country that has not adopted conscription. You will observe that geographical considerations place Britain and the United States apart from Continental countries, and it is worth while speculating what effect it would have had on the British attitude towards conscription, as such, if there had been no Channel between England and Europe. It would not be quite wise to argue that the great success of the British army is due to the fact that it is a volunteer army. What goes far to render it such a perfect fighting machine is that it is a professional army, in which long service makes for great efficiency. Again, you must ask yourself if the term "compulsory service" is not something of a misnomer in regard to countries where government is by popular vote, and where the continuation of conscription is thus dependent in the first instance upon the will of the people. (3) Perhaps Lord Roberts's "Fallacies and Facts" and Sir Ian Hamilton's "Compulsory Service" will give you the arguments for and against that you seek. (4) No cablegram has stated that the German volunteers are fighting better than the regular troops.

THE NEW FLOTILLA LEADERS.

"G. E." (Mosman.)—(1) Mr. Archibald Hurd, in his "The Fleets at War," is in error in saying that the Kempenfelt and the Nimrod were two of the six large destroyers ordered by the Chilian Government from Messrs. White and Co., of Cowes. The official navy list for October shows that Messrs. Cammell, Laird, and Co., of Birkenhead, are the builders of the Kempenfelt, and Messrs. Denny Bros., of Dumbarton, the builders of the Nimrod. The first two of the Chilian vessels to be taken over by the Admiralty were renamed the Broke and the Faulkner, and the cables recently announced that another pair had been re-named the Botha and the Tipperary. It is uncertain whether there are still two more to be taken over, for we do not know if the first two—the Lynch and the Condell—which were completed well before the outbreak of war, were delivered to Chili, or whether they were the two that were re-named Broke and Faulkner. (2) The reference to the Arethusa class was, if you will remember, again Mr. Hurd's. These vessels are armoured, though the belt is certainly thin. Mr. Winston Churchill refers to them as "light armoured cruisers," and under such a heading does the "Naval Annual" deal with them; but the Admiralty classes them as "light cruisers," which is certainly not a very distinctive title.

OUR TROOPS.

CONTINUOUS DRILLING.

LETTERS FOR EGYPT.

All men offering for enlistment are to be trained and equipped before embarkation. There are many now in the camps who were there before the First Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force marched out. These men, with others who joined subsequently, are consequently advanced in their new work, and when the time comes for the second contingent to move off they will be drilled, as well as thoroughly equipped, soldiers.

These are the class of men England stands in need of, she having all she can do to train and equip her own Territorials. Consequently, the volunteers now coming forward in New South Wales (as in the other States also), can reckon upon having at least two months training such as has been given to those who will make up the second (A.I.) force. The military authorities are therefore prepared, more especially in view of the Prime Minister's Budget announcement on this phase of the Commonwealth's policy, to accept recruits daily during the forenoons, and they will continue to rely upon the police in the country for co-operation in securing suitable men. Very good work has been done up to the present. Generally speaking, the medical examinations have been thorough, and, consequently, the culling out process in camp has not made serious diminutions in the numerical strength of the reinforcements.

It is as well, however, for intending applicants to remember that they must have these qualifications:—Height, 5ft 4in; chest measurement, 33in; age, over 18 and under 45 years. In the case of volunteers for the tropical force, only seasoned men are being accepted, and for that reason the age limit has been fixed at 50 years. The written consent of parent or guardian is required as regards all minors. The police are empowered to issue second-class orders for railway and steamer fares to Sydney. The rates of pay for privates are:—While in Australia, 4s per day and 1s per day deferred pay; and while abroad, 5s per day and 1s per day deferred pay.

The men who presented themselves at the Barracks yesterday were quite up to the standard, some indeed being excellent types. The enrolment in point of numbers was also equal to recent averages.

A reply has been received by the military authorities to the query which was submitted to headquarters, stating that mail matter intended for the members of the First Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force should be addressed "Egypt" instead of "England." It is asked that the letters should be addressed by the number, rank, name, headquarters squadron, company, or battalion, brigade, 1st Australian Division, Egypt. The official sample is the following (re-published be request):—

Sergt. W. Brown,
9th Battalion,
3rd Field Artillery,
1st Australian Division,
Egypt.

DEATH AT SEA.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Senator Pearce, Minister for Defence, announced to-day that Private Cecil Frederick Boothman, No. 412, 1st Battalion Infantry, died from pneumonia on the transport Afric on November 6. Boothman's mother lives at Ranelegh, Double Bay, Sydney.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Another batch of men for the Third Expeditionary Force left Broken Hill for Adelaide on Tuesday night.

FOREST REEFS, Wednesday.

Mr. Thos. Tivier was entertained at Bendhall's Hotel and presented with a case of pipes, on the eve of his departure for the front as sergeant in Colonel Arnott's 7th division of the Light Horse Brigade. He also served in the Boer war.

GERMAN GOODS.

INTERESTING CASE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A case of considerable interest, involving, among other questions, issues whether certain goods ordered in Australia and imported from Germany were enemy goods, and also raising a question of claiming payment on the production of documents in Australia covering goods in a German vessel now interned at Capetown, was before the Acting Chief Justice to-day on an application for final judgment. Mr. Lewis appeared for the plaintiff, John Montgomerie Hattrick, of Sydney; and Mr. Mann, for defendants, Cuming, Smith, and Co. Proprietary, Limited. The goods in question were a consignment of potash, the price of which was £645/2/8, purchased by the defendant company from the plaintiff on May 12 last, to be shipped from Hamburg in July to Fremantle, payment to be "Cash against documents in Melbourne."

The plaintiff, in an affidavit, stated that he had supplied similar goods on similar orders to the defendants for a considerable time. These goods were shipped by the steamer Hamm, now, he believed, in consequence of the war, interned at Capetown, for which he was not responsible. In due course the bill of lading and insurance policy were forwarded to the defendants' branch in Perth, to be taken up on payment by the defendant company at Melbourne by a bill of exchange at sight. The defendant company had, however, refused the bill of exchange. Plaintiff claimed that he was the principal dealing with the defendant company, and was not the agent of the suppliers, the Kalyssyndicat, the goods being purchased by him from the Kalyssyndicat.

For the defendant company an affidavit by Benjamin Hunt, secretary of the company, was submitted, in which he stated that the potash syndicate, which he believed to be the Kalyssyndicat, had an office in Australia, and plaintiff acted as its manager. The defendant company was advised, and believed, that the bill of lading and policy of insurance in respect of these goods were void in consequence of the war, and that they had a good defence to this action.

The Acting Chief Justice said that he would decide against the application, because the terms of the order disclosed facts which might be a reason for allowing a defence. He thought that a person who was unable to get that for which he was asked to pay had sufficient reason for being allowed to enter a defence that was not frivolous. With the occurrence of this war he was not prepared to say that there was no defence and with the complications that had arisen the defendants should be allowed to make their defence. He refused the application, and on a summons for directions, ordered that there be pleadings and defence, and that the action be heard in Melbourne before a Judge.

LATE WAR NEWS.

RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.

FRESH DEVELOPMENTS.

GERMAN RIGHT DEFEATED.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.

A communique states:—Fighting has developed at Prasnysz and Ziechanows, between Warsaw and Mlava. The battle is unfinished.

We had partial successes in the Petrikow region.

A battle began on December 5 south-east of Cracow, between Wielicza and the Derjuta river, and is developing in our favour.

Our reinforcements gallantly forced the passage of the Dunajetz river near Neusandec, and severely defeated the German right, which was trying to turn our left. The Germans suffered enormous losses.

Our offensive continues.

THE BLACK SEA.

The battle cruiser Breslau appeared off Sebastopol. Our cruisers and aeroplanes attacked the Breslau, which disappeared.

GENERAL BEYERS.

WOUNDED AND DROWNED.

PRETORIA, Dec. 9.

It is officially announced that General Dutoit engaged General Beyers' commando on the Zandspruit, 15 miles south of Bothaville.

Beyers split his commando, and with thirty men fled towards the Vaal river, near its junction with the Zandspruit. A sharp engagement took place on the bank of the Vaal, which was flooded.

Beyers and a few followers tried to swim their horses across. When Beyers' horse was shot he fell into the river and grasped the tail of a horse which swam towards the loyalists. He was next seen drifting down stream, calling for assistance, but was not seen again. A search is being made for his body.

It is believed that he was wounded earlier in the fight. Practically all his followers have been captured. Other drives resulted in the capture of nearly 200 prisoners.

ITALY.

PRO-BELGIAN DEMONSTRATION.

ROME, Dec. 9.

The Belgian steamer Roi Leopold received a surprise reception at Savona.

All work was stopped, and the population proceeded to the port, waving hats and handkerchiefs.

The vessels in port welcomed her with syrens.

BULGARIA.

TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

AGREEMENT WITH ENTENTE.

SOFIA, Dec. 9.

Though it is generally considered that Bulgaria's interests lie on the side of the Triple Entente, she is not disposed at present to begin hostilities.

The agricultural population especially are opposed to a winter campaign.

The Government proposes to maintain a friendly neutrality as long as possible.

Bulgaria agrees not to attack Greece or Roumania, or act independently of the Entente.

WILL OCCUPY MACEDONIA.

IF AUSTRIA ADVANCES THERE.

ROME, Dec. 9.

Dr. V. Radoslavoff (President of the Council), when interviewed, stated that Bulgaria desires to remain neutral, but will occupy Macedonia if Austria advances thither.

M. Guechoff (leader of the Opposition) declares that public opinion is averse to the occupation of Macedonia without the Entente's consent.

SERVIA.

ENEMY RETREATING.

NISH, Dec. 9.

A communique states: The fierce Servian offensive continues successfully over the entire front; the enemy are retreating everywhere, and abandoning guns and other war material. Many were taken prisoners.

MERCHANT SHIPPING.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The barque Erminia, which left Newcastle on September 5, has arrived at Tocopilla.

GENERAL ITEMS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The Press Bureau denies the appointment of Lord Esher's committee to deal with the question of army contracts.

The Gold Coast will bear the cost of the annexation of Togoland, which is estimated at £60,000, and also offers £80,000 towards the British war expenses.

TALLOW MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

At to-day's tallow sales 907 casks were offered and 822 sold. Prices: Mutton, fine 38/, medium 33/6; beef, fine 37/6, medium 31/ per cwt.

ADMIRAL MORESBY AND PAPUA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In view of the recent capture of German New Guinea by our local forces, I think the enclosed words from one whose name has a high place in Australian history would prove interesting. I refer to Admiral John Moresby, of Basilisk fame. Writing under date October 26, he says:—"The hauling down of the German flag in NE Papua has been, indeed, a gratification. Forty years since I warned the Government of an alien possession being a threat to Australia, and urged its occupation, but was told 'we had colonies enough.' I trust you Australians will keep the old flag flying over the 90,000 square miles of territory which the Basilisk offered to you, in vain—not, indeed, rejected by you, for both Lord Normanby and Mr. Palmer, the Premier of Queensland, strongly backed up my official letter. Ten years later Sir Thos. M'Ilwraith took all the credit of taking possession of Port Moresby and S.E. Papua, but left the best for Germany."

I am, etc., NEW GUINEA.

WHEAT SCHEME.

BILL PASSED.

FARMER'S RIGHT OF APPEAL

The consideration of the Wheat Acquisition Bill in Committee of the Legislative Council was resumed yesterday afternoon at clause 5, "amount of compensation," upon which Mr. Kater had moved an amendment, altering the price to be fixed for the wheat from 5s to 6s.

Mr. Flowers said the amendment would be very strongly resisted, but he was prepared to move a new clause providing that if a farmer was dissatisfied with the Government offer of 5s, he should be paid any additional compensation which the Necessary Commodities control Commission might determine to be reasonable, but that such total compensation should not exceed 6s per bushel. If the farmer was willing to accept 5s, there would be no difficulty; but if the wheat was compulsorily seised he could have the matter settled by the Necessary Commodities Control Commission. He anticipated very little difficulty in the matter. It had been suggested that trouble might arise after the Government had purchased, as to what price they should sell at to the millers. Seeing, however, that the grain would not be wanted until January or later, it would be perfectly easy for the Necessary Commodities Control Commission to determine what would be a reasonable price in particular districts. He, therefore, expected no difficulty between the Government and the millers, and by the amendment the farmer would get full price for the wheat. He considered the compromise he had suggested was reasonable.

Mr. Gormley said he thought the Vice-President of the Executive Council had not grasped the meaning of the proposed new clause. He had a serious objection to placing any of the power of Parliament in the hands of any individual or board.

Mr. Ashton said the difficulty he felt was the determination of what was "a fair and reasonable price." Another difficulty was that they proposed to hand over to a Commission the duty which Parliament ought to carry out, as to what should be considered a reasonable amount of compensation.

Mr. Pilcher thought that the amendment would impose an unnecessary burden upon the farmer, and it would be better to provide that he should be paid the fair market price.

Mr. Kater asked what was the use of a farmer coming before the Commission and stating that the wheat was of a certain quality and value, when the Government representative or agent might say it was not. If the wheat was seised compulsorily, and the farmer appealed to the Commissioner he might not even get 5s per bushel, on the ground that someone else who was sent to value the wheat stated that it was not of fair quality of average value. Another difficulty was that after the millers had bought from the Government, and ground the wheat, there was nothing to stop them from sending to Victoria and elsewhere, and getting £1 per ton more on it. In the circumstances he would press his amendment.

Mr. Garland said he was opposed to fixing the price in the bill, and personally he was of opinion that the more satisfactory way was to allow some tribunal—possibly the Necessary Commodities Control Commission—to fix it. He thought if they fixed the price at 6s in the bill, there would be trouble ahead.

The amendment was defeated on a division by 23 votes to 16.

Mr. Flowers' proposed addition to the clause was then considered.

Mr. Kater said the proposal was to deal with wheat that the Government had taken possession of. What was to become of the other wheat?

Mr. Flowers said the clause would deal with wheat they were going to seize. That which they did not seize, the farmers could do wheat they liked with—sell it where and how they liked.

Mr. Garland said the form of amendment as suggested the previous evening was better than the one in its present form. He moved the omission of the words "so that the total compensation shall not exceed 6s."

Mr. Flowers said he was prepared to accept the sense of the House. The Government, he understood, did not want to seize all the wheat unless it was necessary. He would like to point out that the Necessary Commodities Control Commission could not fix the price that the farmer was to get for his wheat until a proclamation was made by the Governor under clause 3. Once the proclamation was made the whole of the wheat in the district governed by the proclamation became ipso facto the property of the Crown. In those districts not covered by the proclamation it was presumed the farmers could sell to private individuals. Now, until the price was fixed, it would not be safe for anyone to buy or sell. The tendency would be to paralyse the industry if the price was not fixed.

The amendment by Mr. Garland was agreed to, as was also the addition by Mr. Flowers, and the clause passed as amended.

Clause 5, as amended and passed, now reads:—

The compensation to be paid for any wheat acquired by the Government under this Act shall be five shillings per bushel, for wheat of fair average quality, delivered by the owner or person having the disposal of the wheat at the nearest railway station, or at a place determined by the person authorised as aforesaid by the Minister, provided that such place shall not be more than one mile further than such railway station from the place from which the wheat is to be carried.

When delivery is not made at such railway station or place determined as aforesaid, all proper deductions from the compensation money for freight and other necessary charges may be made.

Notwithstanding anything herein before provided, there shall be

by 16 votes to 6, the noes being:—Messrs. Mackay, Kater, Ashton, O'Connor, F. J. Smith, and Gormly.

The bill was passed, and ordered to be returned to the Legislative Assembly.

IN THE ASSEMBLY.

AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED.

In the Legislative Assembly, in committee, the amendment to clause 5, declaring that additional compensation should be paid at the direction of the Necessary Commodities Committee, was read by Mr. Hall, who said he proposed, in accepting the amendment, to ask the committee to decide, as early as possible, whether 5s was a fair and reasonable price or not. He would accept the amendment giving the authority to enter and search for wheat to members of the police force only. He moved that the amendment be accepted.

Mr. Stuart Robertson said to accept these amendments meant bowing to the other Chamber, and giving away practically everything. The vital principle of the bill had been destroyed. If the Necessary Commodities Committee could fix the price at anything at all it would have been a great deal better. But under the bill as returned from the Council only the minimum of 5s was fixed, and the committee could fix as much higher as it liked. It was a very unfair position for the Government to put its supporters in. It would be better to go to the country and fight the principal issue than to accept so vital an amendment from a House which was not responsible to the people.

The motion for the acceptance of the Council's amendments was carried, and the bill returned to the Council.

CROSSING THE BORDER.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

Large quantities of wheat have crossed the Murray River, and at various points lower down the river.

DEATH OF MR. J. A. ARTHUR.

MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

News of the death of Mr. John Andrew Arthur, Minister for External Affairs, and member of the House of Representatives for Bendigo, will be received with great regret. Mr. Arthur had been seriously ill for some time, and his death occurred early this morning, at his residence, The Avenue, Royal Park.

Mr. Arthur was born at Fryerstown, near Castlemaine, and was 39 years of age. He received his primary education at a State school, where he later won a scholarship, which entitled him to attend the Grenville College, at Ballarat. From there he went to the University, where he first took the arts course, and subsequently secured the degree of Master of Laws. After completing his studies, he became a tutor at Queen's College.

Entering upon legal practice in 1902, Mr. Arthur made his first success in the M'Kellar-Meagher extradition case, in the 10 succeeding years he was very successful at the Bar, making a specialty of constitutional and industrial cases. A knowledge of the serious nature of the complaint from which he suffered imparted to his disposition a gravity which those who did not know the circumstances found it difficult to associate with a young and successful man. It was the sympathy which Mr. Arthur felt for the demand for extended Federal powers, which gave the impetus to his support of the Labour Party. While he was wholehearted with them in this matter, and in every other respect a loyal supporter of his party, he was frequently betrayed in his demeanour a reserve with regard to some of the more extreme proposals of some of the Labour members. However, some years ago he accepted the platform of the party as a whole, and in the spring of 1912 he took his first part in active life by submitting himself to the Labour leagues of the Federal electorate of Bendigo as the nominee of the party against Sir John Quick, who had represented the district in the Liberal interest since the foundation of the Commonwealth in 1901. Mr. Arthur was selected by the leagues in November, 1912, and he entered almost immediately upon the campaign which resulted in his being returned on May 31, 1913, by a majority of 1200. His party, however, was defeated by a small majority, and Mr. Arthur entered upon his Parliamentary career last year as a member of the militant Opposition which faced an earnest and determined Ministry scarcely superior to it in numbers.

Mr. Arthur's disposition did not lend itself to the cruder methods of Parliamentary obstruction, but during that short Parliament he contributed some thoughtful speeches on subjects on which his training and experience entitled him to speak. The Parliament ended in circumstances of recent history, and Mr. Arthur, in common with others, entered upon a vigorous campaign. He was at that time fighting single-handed the tramways case before the High Court, and the final stages of the argument occupied some of the period between the dissolution and the election. Mr. Arthur came from Sydney to Bendigo and entered upon a contest against Mr. Maldon Robb, who was selected by the Liberal League to oppose him. It was towards the end of this campaign that the illness which threatened Mr. Arthur began to affect him seriously. He collapsed at Eaglehawk some days prior to the election, and on polling day, September 6, was bedridden in an hotel in that place. He was, however, returned by a majority of 3000 votes, and the Labour party caucus meeting, held on September 16, appointed him to the position of Minister for External Affairs.

Although his health had to some extent improved, his condition was not considered satisfactory, and he was again taken ill immediately afterwards. In fact, he did not take over the active administration of his department. A few weeks ago he went to Beaconsfield, but the change did not effect the desired improvement, and when he returned to his home the gravest view was taken of his illness. He gradually became worse, and last week it was known that his case was hopeless. Mr. Arthur married Miss Dabb, daughter of a well-known business man in Maldon, and his widow and four children survive him.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Minister, both Houses of the Federal Parliament adjourned to-day directly they assembled. The Prime Minister, and leader of the Opposition paid tributes to the deceased.

UNDER SHELL FIRE.

AUSTRALIAN'S EXPERIENCE.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

Lieutenant Parker, of the British Army Medical Corps, in a letter to his parents, the Rev. T. and Mrs. Parker, of the Goldsmith-street Methodist Church, Goulburn, gives his first experience of shell fire. He says:—"Last Wednesday afternoon, about 3.30, our town was shelled by the Germans. At the time I was dressing a case in the ward, with a sister and the orderlies, when we heard a loud whistling sound, followed by an explosion, which seemed to us as being close to the church. No one about me seemed to know exactly what was happening, and as it was my first shell I could not venture any explanation of the explosion, so we proceeded with the dressing. Again the whistling sound was heard, and the orderlies came rushing into the ward. Then we realised we were under shell fire. One shell fell through the stable which was next door to my ward, and exploded within 10 yards of us all, but am thankful to say no one was injured. In all about 12 shells fell, killing two French civilians. The experience was truly exciting, yet, nevertheless, not without amusement, for to see everyone instinctively bob down beneath tables, etc., when a shell was heard approaching was really very amusing." The letter is dated October 19.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE.

FURTHER CRITICISM.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Reporting on his recent visit to the Municipal Conference in Sydney, the Mayor of Lithgow at the last meeting of the council said they passed hundreds of motions of which he knew nothing, and he thought there were a good many others there who were in a similar position. He came away with the idea that the present Government was far too tenacious for the men who were at the conference, as the majority of them were the most conservative crowd he ever ran into.

Alderman Isley thought it would be far better if they had a country conference, instead of going down to Sydney. City men ran the show, monopolised nearly all the business and sittings, and it was really of very little use for any country delegates to attend the conference, as most of the motions and business discussed applied to the city.

WORKS POLICY.

NORTON GRIFFITHS SCHEME.

MINISTRY TO PROCEED.

Following on a meeting of the Cabinet, the Premier made a further announcement in the Legislative Assembly last night regarding the proposal to finance public works during 1915-16 through Messrs. Norton Griffiths and Co.

On Tuesday Mr. Holman stated that it was the intention of the Government to secure the sanction of the House before making any contract with this or any other firm, and to put members privately in possession of confidential information regarding the prospective position of the State in the London money market. The leader of the Opposition pointed out that this would place members in an invidious position, and he suggested that the Government should take its own course and accept full executive responsibility for what it did. In view of this attitude by Mr. Wade, Mr. Holman promised to reconsider the Government's position. Last night the Premier said that the Government would take the responsibility of proceeding with the negotiations, and would stand by whatever might be finally done. Mr. Wade congratulated the Premier on his decision to take full responsibility for whatever arrangement might be made.

CONFIDENTIAL ADVICES.

Early in the proceedings, Mr. David Storey asked the Premier, "In view of the anxiety caused to the business community and the general public to-day by his statement last night that certain information he had received from the Agent-General regarding the loan position would not be publicly disclosed, will he consider the wisdom of removing that anxiety? Let the worst be known, so that the people may be enabled to carry on without being affected by this undue secrecy. It has done a great deal of harm right through the city, as everybody has been wondering what is going to be done with our finances, and I should suggest that the private documents be made public."

The Premier replied that the Government had considered the question of the advisability of making the documents public, but it had been decided not to do so.

GOVERNMENT DECISION.

The Premier said that the Opposition was well within their rights in declining to enter into a public discussion on a matter, information concerning which had not been tabled in Parliament, and which had only been placed before them in a confidential manner. The Government could not object to members declining to discuss information laid before them in that form and under those conditions, but felt that, after what they had done and what they had heard since, they were not justified, at the present moment, in laying on the table of the House important cablegrams regarding the matter. The Government felt that any full or satisfactory discussion on the proposal to communicate with Norton Griffiths or any other firm in a similar position was impossible.

In the circumstances, therefore, the Government could take full responsibility, and go on with the work. (Ministerial cheers.) The Government would continue the negotiations, but whether they would have a satisfactory ending the future alone could determine. The Government would use their own judgment to either accept or reject the proposals of Norton Griffiths and Co., and afterwards, if necessary, they would defend the action they took on the floor of the House. (Ministerial cheers.)

MR. WADE'S VIEW.

Mr. Wade said the statement of the Premier was very satisfactory, because it removed from their side of the House, and from the minds of the public at large, a difficulty which would have been an insuperable obstacle in the way of a fair discussion of the question in the circumstances laid down. There was a kind of feeling throughout the city that day that there was something wrong, seriously wrong, with the financial stability of the State. It would be almost impossible for members of a responsible Parliament to adequately discuss the question under the conditions laid down. With regard to the Ministry taking on themselves the full responsibility, nobody could complain of that decision. (Opposition cheers.) In fact, the Opposition might almost say that it was the duty of the Government to do so. It rested on them entirely to frame their policy. It was then legally essential for the Government when an agreement had been arrived at to bring it before the House for full discussion. He was glad to hear the Premier's announcement that he meant to resolve the question on ordinary lines, and it was the duty of the Opposition, whilst imposing no obstacles in the way of the country, and no unfair tax on the members of the Ministry in the hard work that confronted them, to reserve the full right when they saw the agreement in the full light to act according to the interests of the people of the States as a whole. (Opposition cheers.)

The Premier thanked Mr. Wade for calling his attention to the words he used yesterday, and which, he understood from Mr. Wade, had caused something approaching a panic in the city.

Mr. Wade: Anxiety, not panic.

The Premier: Yes, anxiety. I accept that word. Well I should like to say that the whole of the communications which I have received from London, and which I am prepared to place, with reservations, in the hands of members, do not justify any such feelings regarding our finances in the immediate present. The proposals that I have indicated regarding the firm of Norton Griffiths, or any other firm with whom we may enter into negotiations, are directed towards the finances of next year, and have nothing whatever to do with the finances of the current year.

"I wish, at the same time," added Mr. Holman, "to impress upon members this fact. In times of war many things have to be said and done which must be eschrouded in a measure of comparative secrecy, and this to a degree not at all necessary in times of peace. During the past two months, I may inform members, a whole series of negotiations have been passing between the State Governments of Australia, the Commonwealth Government, and the Imperial authorities, and financial authorities in London. There are statements in the cablegrams that passed between these people which I am not entitled to make public. They are based upon confidential actions which have been going on for some time past. I would beg members to try and realise that we are at war, and that there is occasionally in war time the necessity for unusual methods to be adopted. One thing necessary is that there should be a larger measure of secrecy in the conduct of the relations between the various Governments concerned. I hope that this will clear up any wrong impressions which might have been created yesterday. The cablegrams we have received do not disclose any reason for anxiety regarding this year's finances. Neither do they disclose the fact that the arrangements made already may break down. (Ministerial cheers.)

The Premier, in reply to Mr. James, said that the Government was prepared to enter into negotiations with any other firm which could make the Government an offer similar to that made by Norton Griffiths and Co.

THE PARTY ASPECT.

At a later period Mr. Lang (Labour member) asked the Premier if the Norton Griffiths scheme would be introduced into Parliament without consulting the party otherwise the caucus, and, if so—and in the event of the Opposition tabling a vote of censure—would Government supporters be bound to vote for the Ministry whether they believed in the scheme or not? (Loud Opposition laughter.)

The Speaker: I think the matter raised by the hon. member is one of internal discipline.

Mr. Fitzpatrick: It's of great public interest, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Lang: Will the Premier consult the party?

Mr. J. H. Cann (Chief Secretary): What has that to do with this House? (Opposition laughter.)

Mr. Holman: When any communication can be made in Parliament, the hon. member (Mr. Lang) can hear it if in his place as usual.

MEAT PACKERS.

The Premier recently received a communication from the Prime Minister, in which it was stated that the American Consul in Melbourne was asking for information with respect to concessions acquired in Australia by American and other meatpackers for the erection of slaughter-houses and factories for the preparation of meat and meat products. The matter was referred to the director-general of public health and the inspector of meat export has reported that no concessions of the kind have been granted in New South Wales.

STATE PARLIAMENT.

CLOSING BUSINESS.

SIR TIMOTHY COGHLAN'S POSITION.

In the Legislative Assembly last night, a further announcement was made by Mr. Holman regarding the Norton Griffiths public works scheme, the report appearing in another column. The House awaited the return of the Wheat Acquisition Bill from the Legislative Council, it being the intention to adjourn for the Christmas holidays if it were received in time.

PRINTING SCHOOL BOOKS.

Replying to a question asked by Mr. Fingleton, the Premier said the whole question of the printing of school supplies at the Government Printing Office had been recently under consideration. As with other matters, it had been decided to enter upon the experiment of having these Government necessities produced in the Government workshops.

AGENT-GENERALSHIP.

Mr. Price asked the Premier: "Has he had any cablegrams or information about the proposed movements of the State Agent-General, Sir Timothy Coghlan? Does he know whether it is a fact that Sir Timothy is only waiting to be relieved of that post, in order to take up the position of London representative of the Marconi Company? Is it proposed to appoint some political derelict to the vacant position, or will the Premier himself fill the niche?"

Mr. Holman: "I have no information on the point, and I venture to say the honourable member has none either. The question of Sir Timothy Coghlan's successor has not been considered. But should it happen that the honourable member is a candidate for the position, I may say that the fact of his being a political derelict will not be considered as any bar to his chances." (Great laughter.)

DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE.

In reply to a question by Mr. David Storey, the Chief Secretary, Mr. Cann, said he was not officially aware of any contract let by the City Council for the disposal of city garbage at sea, which would be prejudicial to the general health of the community, and particularly to those who used the various surfing beaches. If the City Council or anybody else did anything inimical to the public health, steps would be taken to put the Act into operation.

GERMAN GOODS.

The Premier stated, in reply to Mr. Henley, that it would involve perhaps three months' work to lay on the table a return, showing the quantities and landed cost of all railway and tramway rails, bolts, nuts, steel plates, tubes, cement, electrical and other machinery supplied during the last three years from Germany. It might be necessary to prepare a list of all contracts with German firms, extending over the last two or three years, and if so, Mr. Henley could see it.

SEED WHEAT.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister for Agriculture what commission, if any, the Government was paying firms buying seed wheat.

Mr. Ashford: There are no firms purchasing seed wheat or wheat of any kind on behalf of the department.

Mr. Fitzpatrick: Will the Minister say that Messrs. James Bell and Co. did not buy 2000 bags of wheat for seed purposes at 5/3 per bushel?

Mr. Ashford: I will ask the hon. member to give notice of that.

Mr. Wade: Why don't you answer it?

Mr. Waddell asked the Minister for Agriculture whether the men to be engaged clearing Crown land for growing wheat were to be paid weekly rates, or so much an acre?

Mr. Ashford: The pay will be at so much per acre.

Mr. Waddell: Hear, hear.

COUNTRY WATER SUPPLIES.

Mr. Griffith moved that the matter of augmenting the water supply of Bathurst be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Mr. Wade emphasised the fact that the work of the Public Works Committee seemed to have been inverted, and to be proceeding on wrong lines. Many of the works which had been considered by the committee would not be set on foot for years to come. He suggested that in the future precedence should be given to matters relating to public health and water supply, and to set aside those works which were mere electioneering dodges.

The motion was carried.

Other water schemes referred to the committee were for the towns of Portland, Orange, Glen Innes, Inverell.

TAXATION BILLS.

The taxation measures were received from the Council and agreed to. The amendment in the Income Tax Bill was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned until January 27, the Premier thanking members for that measure of support accorded the Government during what had been a very trying session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NECESSARY COMMODITIES.

On the motion of Mr. Flowers, it was resolved that for the purposes of the "Necessary Commodities Control Act, 1914," patent medicines, drugs, and drug preparations be declared necessary commodities.

WHEAT ACQUISITION BILL.

The report of the debate on this bill will be found elsewhere. A petition was presented by Mr. Kater from the Murrumburrah branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association against the bill.

AUCTIONEERS' LICENSES BILL.

The bill was received from the Legislative Assembly, and read the first time. The second reading was made an order for the next sitting day.

BILLS PASSED.

The following bills, received from the Assembly, were read a second and third time, and passed without amendment:—Inscribed Stock (Renewals) Amendment Bill, Motor Tax Management Bill, Finance (Taxation) Bill, Loan Bill, Constitution Amendment Bill.

INCOME TAX MANAGEMENT BILL.

The Income Tax Management (Further Amendment) Bill was read a second time.

In committee, on clause 2, "definition of income," Mr. Farleigh secured an addition to the clause as follows:—"And shall not apply to appeals determined or pending before the passing of this Act."

The remainder of the clauses were agreed to, the bill passed, and read a third time at a later hour of the sitting.

The House at 10.40 p.m. adjourned to January 27 next.

PRISONER'S LEAP.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

When the call for breakfast came at the Melbourne Gaol yesterday morning a prisoner, James Gray, alias James Skeehan, 44 years of age, walked out of his cell, and, instead of going down the stairs, jumped over the balcony on to the stone flags of the corridor, 30ft below. He was taken to Melbourne Hospital, where he regained consciousness sufficiently to say, "I have had enough of life." Gray sustained a broken elbow, and, it is feared, a fractured skull. He was undergoing a sentence of 14 days for having carried firearms without the permission of the authorities.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED MURDER.

KURRI KURRI, Wednesday.

Thomas Edward Riley was committed for trial on two charges of alleged attempted murder by firing a gun at Senior-Constable White and Charles Forster, driver of a baker's cart, on October 3. Riley has been in the hospital ever since with a bullet in one of his legs, fired by Constable Leslie, who fired three shots. It was stated that Riley fired at Forster, when the latter called with bread.

SENIOR CADETS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Out of 89,345 senior cadets who are liable for training, 87,962 have joined the ranks in the various States. The total number of senior cadets registered is 146,785, of whom 58,320 have been exempted. More than half the lads of the age for training in the citizen forces have been excused for various reasons, only 51,851 out of 113,197 being called upon to go into the fighting line.

SYDNEY'S WOUNDED.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

Signalman Thomas Victor Stevenson, of the Sydney, who was wounded in the fight with the Emden, states in a letter to his parents, who reside here, that he got a small piece of shrapnel through the fleshy part of his forearm, but it was getting better, and he was starting work again soon.

BEER AND SPIRITS.

COMMISSION'S REPORT.

IMMEDIATE INCREASE NOT FAVOURED.

The increased prices of beer and spirits, as the result of the tariff, were referred to in the Legislative Assembly last night.

There was much hilarity when Captain Toombs asked the Attorney-General, Mr. Hall, who is a well-known teetotaller, "Is beer to be considered a necessary commodity?" "Secondly," added the member for Hurstville, "if beer is to be considered a necessary commodity, what steps do the Necessary Commodities Commission Board intend to take with regard to its increased cost?" (Great laughter.)

Mr. Hall: According to the strict reading of the Necessary Commodities Act, as I remember it, beer is a necessary commodity. That is, according to the Act.

Mr. H. Morton: What do you know about beer? (Laughter.)

Mr. Hall: I may assure hon. members that the proposed increase in the price of beer and spirits has already received the consideration of the Necessary Commodities' Commission, and I am in a position to say that they have recommended to the Government to proclaim that the prices of beer and spirits should remain the same as they were last week. (Cheers and laughter.) The Commission took much the same view as they took with regard to gas. They took the view that no one ought to put up the prices without an inquiry first, and prices must return to what they were last week, until they have an opportunity to say whether there is anything to justify an increase."

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked whether it was the intention of the Necessary Commodities Commission to enunciate the principle that the increase of protectionist or revenue duties must not increase the prices of the commodities affected. (Opposition cheers.) Was the question of the price of clothing and many other things affected by the tariff to be considered by the Commission on their own initiative?

Captain Toombs asked the Minister whether he considered it a fair thing that wealthy people upon whom war taxes had been imposed, should immediately pass these taxes on to the consuming public?

Mr. Ball: Does the Attorney-General know that the increased price has been charged to-day for soda water, on which there is no duty, and not on the whisky? Does he know that this will throw all the weight of the tariff increases on to the local cordial manufacturers?

The Attorney-General said he certainly thought there was room for two opinions as to whether the prices should be increased the day after the new duties are proposed, or whether it should be delayed until after the existing stocks have been consumed. He would like to emphasise that he did not refer the matter to the Necessary Commodities Commission. They had acted quite on their own account. "I warmly endorse the principle," continued Mr. Hall, "that there should be no rise in the price of any necessary commodity until there has been an inquiry. I don't want to refer the question to a Royal Commission. Beer is not a necessity to me. (Laughter.) I am not aware of whether it is the price of the whisky or the soda which has been increased. I don't know, and I don't care. (Laughter.) I don't think I should like to ask the Attorney-General: If there is any power in the Necessary Commodities Act which justifies the committee in prohibiting increases of price before they have taken evidence on the point.

Mr. Hall: An answer to that question involves the giving of a legal opinion.

Mr. Levy: We don't expect that from you.

IN THE COUNTRY.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The Lithgow Licensed Victuallers decided last night not to raise the price of ales and spirits sold over the bar, though the size of the glass will be reduced in the case of "pints." The price of ales and spirits per bottle will be subject to an increased rate.

DUTY ON MOTOR CARS.

IMPORTER'S CLAIM.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A case in which an importer of motor vehicles sought to recover nearly £4000 from the Commonwealth, alleged to have been wrongly collected as Customs duties, came before Mr. Justice Hood in the First Civil Court to-day.

In November, 1913, plaintiff, Ralph Sadlier Falkiner, trading as Falkiner Electric Co., imported to Victoria a motor car with two benzine motors of 100 and 120 horse-power; a double dynamo chassis, with two bogies and unshod wheels, and 10 electric motor chassis, with steel shod wheels, and certain accessories not manufactured in the United Kingdom. Plaintiff paid the duty claimed, £4890, under protest, and now claimed from the Collector of Customs £3917 8s 9d, the difference between the duty collected and the amount which he said should have been charged.

The defendant denied that the plaintiff's description of the goods was correct, and claimed that the duties paid were legally chargeable.

Judgment was reserved.

JERVIS BAY.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

The Premier stated yesterday that he is giving consideration to the question of carrying out certain harbour works at Jervis Bay. The site recommended by the responsible officers is at Captain Point, where Federal and State territory will meet when the Jervis Bay Surrender Bill, now before the Assembly, becomes law. Mr. Holman has written to the Prime Minister asking him to appoint a Federal representative to enter into negotiations with the Director-General of Public Works here on the question of establishing a joint port.

The Seat of Government Surrender Act provides for the use of the proposed Federal railway by the State, and the Decentralisation Commission has recommended an arrangement with the Governments for the establishment of a port for the overseas shipment, on the ground that it would be undesirable to establish two ports.

TRADES SCHOOLS SCHEME.

Under a new trades school scheme yesterday, propounded by Mr. Carmichael, it will be possible for any boy, he states, attending a trades school, to pass to the University professional schools, for the 14-year-old apprentice now has a straight path to the degree of engineering at the University. The scheme provides a comprehensive system of scholarships carrying students from the junior technical or domestic science schools to the trades course at the technical colleges. This trades course, which requires five years for its completion, has been divided into a lower course extending over three years, and a higher course lasting two years. Candidates will be given an opportunity of competing for scholarships that will enable the holders to graduate in science or engineering at the Sydney University.

DEAD BABY FOUND.

The dead body of a female child, about four months old, was found by two youths in some thick scrub near Parliament Bush, Bexley, shortly after 6 o'clock last evening.

VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT.

CENSURE MOTION FAILS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The vote on the no-confidence motion launched against the Government by the leader of the Opposition, was taken in the Legislative Assembly this evening, and the motion was defeated, 30 voting for it and 32 in support of the Government.

LAUNCH FOUNDERS.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The launch Commissioner, previously owned by the Melbourne Harbour Trust, foundered off Cape Everard at 9 o'clock on Sunday night, while being towed to Sydney by the steamer Alabama. There was no one aboard the launch.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Commissioner, which was recently in the service of the Melbourne Harbour Trust, and originally cost £2573, was recently sold by public auction for £180, and arrangements were made with James Paterson and Co., Pty., Ltd., to take the launch to Sydney on behalf of the purchaser.

PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

LORD MAYOR'S FUND.

Already acknowledged	£170,376 11 4
S. Sinclair, Australian Museum	1 1 0
Balance Proceeds of consignment from Jas. Laughton, per Watson, Noble, and Co.	0 2 6
Staff of Hospital for Insane, Lockton, Nov., 1914	3 2 4
Morisset Hospital for Insane (3rd instal.)	6 9 4
Dr. Roland J. Pope	52 10 0
Summer Hill, S. Public School (Girls' Department)	2 0 0
Employees Paragon Bone Mills	5 11 0
St. Kilda Hospital (weekly instal.)	0 15 0
Employees Tillock and Co. (14th weekly instal.)	2 0 2
Employees David Sheppard and Co. (8th instal.)	2 12 11
Employees W. C. Douglass (3rd instal.)	10 0 0
Boys and girls of M'Arthur Pub. School, Gravesend	0 11 10
Top of William-street, per F.G.	1 9 0
Burnt Junction Pat. Fund (3rd instal.): —G. B. Dight, £2/2/; G. Wilkins and Sons' Sawmills, Pelligan, and employees, £13/13/	15 15 0
Total	£170,520 11 0

"WAR CHEST."

A very gratifying supply of warm clothing is arriving at the "War Chest" Depot, 321 Pitt-street, in response to our appeal for contributions to a third consignment of warm clothing for the troops in the trenches, to leave here on the 19th inst.

Mrs. E. A. Antill has still a quantity of wool for making Balaclavas and mittens, and a large quantity of cholera belts are ready cut out, and she will gladly accept the services of any lady willing to assist in making up these articles.

Clean rags for rubbing down the horses of the Light Horse contingent, Liverpool may be sent to the depot in any quantity, as these are a valuable help, even a necessity, towards keeping the horses in good order.

RED CROSS.

Arrangements have been made for the presentation at the Glaciarium, on Christmas Day and night of a moving picture entitled "From Manger to Cross," the proceeds of which performances will be given to the Red Cross Society.

BELGIAN FUND.

The Premier, answering a question in the Legislative Assembly last night, regarding the advisability of making further provision for the Belgian refugees in England, said the New South Wales Government had offered the people of Belgium a home here, but apparently the Belgian Ministers had had great difficulty in determining their policy, and had been very rightly loth to see a large number of their people expatriated.

A bazaar and concert, arranged and carried out by five girls—Kathleen Buxton, Linda Cooper, Doris Grimes, Lily Sidery, and Sarah Lawson—took place at the residence of Mrs. Buxton, West Kogarah, on Saturday, and realised £10 2s 6d.

New South Wales contributions to date, £56,500/4/8; Queensland contributions to date, £12,191/1/2; Auckland Provincial Belgian Relief Fund (N.Z.), £3,500; Christchurch (N.Z.) Belgian Relief Fund, £2225/14/10. New South Wales, further donations: Messrs. John Fairfax and Sons, "Sydney Morning Herald," £500; Mrs. Ramsay, £3; proceeds garden fete at Tainui, Bondi, by Misses Lionel and Neville Cohen and Mesdames Robb, Weber, Treverton, Young, and Everitt, £30/5/; donation to children's bazaar, Bexley, per Miss Wright, £1; art union at Katoomba, pmt.'s nult, donated by A. Charles, £23/2/6; Morriset Hospital for Insane, further instalment, £1/1/5; Port Kembla War Fund, ninth instalment, £10; Cremorne Public School, subscription from lamb by P. H. Head, Scone, £4/5/; sale bag of oats, donated by J. Smith, 6/; collected by throwing at wicket, Church of England Sunday School picnic, Bexley, £3/7/6; opening competition at Broken Dam school picnic, £2/10/6; A. Horton, 5/; Taree and District Patriotic Fund, eighth instalment, £44/7/; officers and crew steamer Illyroy, £6/5/6; pupils and girls of Superior Public School, Summer Hill, £2; a bag of wool donated by P. Lehane, sold per Pitt, Son, and Badgery, £1/2/6; proceeds of sheep donated by Mrs. H. L. Darley, £4/-; Mrs. Gresford, R. H. and J. B. Sharpe, sold by Pitt, Son, and Badgery, £33/18/2; proceeds children's concert, arranged by Miss Madge Wallace, Murrumburrah, £5; Gloucester Red Cross Fund, further instalment, £3/11/3; G. Smith, Mosman, further donation, £1; Armidale Patriotic Fund, further donation, £132/12/4 proceeds one heifer donated by J. J. Murray, Segenhoe Hill, per Pitt, Son, and Badgery, £1/2/6; proceeds of sheep donated by Mrs. Ben, and Bella Allen, £4/-; Mrs. Gibson, 10/; employees Enoch Taylor and Co. (warehouse), third instalment, £3/10/; Blayney Patriotic Fund, per Lord Mayor's Fund, £12/10/; Glenreagh Patriotic Fund, per Lord Mayor's Fund, £11/14/; M.I.H., 10/. To-day's amounts include a further donation of £4000 from Auckland Provincial Belgian Relief Fund, and £982/15/ from Christchurch Belgian Relief Fund (N.Z.). Total, £100,850/3/5.

BELGIAN RELIEF.

PROPOSED REVENUE STAMP.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Council of the Churches, after discussing art unions for charitable and religious purposes, but arriving at no conclusion, resolved to send a deputation to the Premier, asking for the imposition of a special revenue stamp, the same amount as the present stamp duty on all payments over one pound, the proceeds to be devoted exclusively to Belgian relief.

FOOD FUND.

The Avon and Barrington Co.-op. Butter Factory forwarded another box of butter containing 50 lb prints.

Amount already acknowledged, £75,405/14/11; proceeds of sale of 250 sheep donated by Yerong Creek Patriotic Fund, sold by Malden Bros., £109/17/8; proceeds of sale of 82 sheep donated by Thos. H. Rowlands, Millamolong, Mandurama, sold by Wm. Cowlishaw, Carson, Ltd., £37/12/4; proceeds of sale of 25 sheep donated by Mrs. Hosie, Carlton, Millamolong, sold by Winchcombe, Carson, Ltd., £11/0/6; proceeds of sale of 2 lambs donated by Mrs. Hosie, per O'Grady, Grafton, sold by Coastal Farmers' Society, £1/3/; per Taree and District Patriotic Fund, loco, employees, Taree, 3rd instalment, £2/8/; Cassa Pelli-lips, 3rd instalment, £1/-; M. B. Bailey, £1; J. R. Clinch, 4th instalment, 10/; M. B. Musical Festival, Taree, £37/10/; Taree Band Concert (total from Taree £98/8/), £6/12/6; Port Kembla War Fund, 9th instalment, £10; N.S.W. Railway Refund deposit on truck cancelled), £1; N.S.W. Railways, gas employees, £1/10/; Mrs. Parkinson, £2; J.H.O. (6th instalment), £1/1/; total, £75,714/7/1.

TANNED SHEEPSKIN CLOTHING.

The hon. treasurer, Equitable-building, 350 George-street, has received the following contributions:—Amount already acknowledged, £315/12/11; Camden Red Cross Society, £13; E. H. Taylor, £1/1/; anonymous, £1; Mrs. Cranham, 6/6; donations through the managers, Bank of New South Wales, Haymarket: J. Kerr, £5/18/; Walgett £1/10/; Lockhart, £5; Port Macquarie £1/10/; Quirindi £1, Gulgong 6/, Gilgandra £2/2/, Braidwood £10, Windsor £5/15/6, Mudgee £1/1/, Yass £1, Walgett £5, Moama 12/, Millthorpe £2/2/, Newcastle £5/4/, Gloucester 12/, Ashfield £5/1/, Temworth 18/; Bellingen £2/2/; Wingham £1, Bungay 6/, Lismore £3/6/, Gulgong 6/, Burrowa £1, Scone £2/10/; Koorawatha Patriotic Fund, £17; Patrick Cass (Sen.), £5; Tilba Tilba Red Cross League, Bibaringo, £9/-; Dubbo Patriotic Fund, £5; Ashfield Citizens' Patriotic Fund, £25; Mr and Mrs W. M'Laren, £2/2/; W. T. M'Laren, £1/1/; Mrs. Broadhead, £1/1/; E. Douglas, £2; W. H. Miles, £1/4/; Mrs. Crump, £1/1/; Mr. Mulholland, £1/1/; Miss Wood, £1; Walgett proceeds, £1; W. and Miss F. Spencer, 12/; girls and boys, Ashfield Public School, £10; Miss Cox, 5/; Jack and Enid Whitmore, 6/; Harry Cohen, 5/; Mrs. Russell Blackett, 10/; Miss Poppy Mort, 10/; W. T. Seward, £1; Parramatta Patriotic Fund, £50; Mrs. B. K. Manning, £2/2/; Lance Manning, 9/; J. Buchanan, £1/1/; C. Harris, £1/1/; Miss Alice Turnbull and fellow scholars, Regentville-Penrith, £1; Mrs. E. H. Harnett, £3/3/; D. C. Young, £2; Misses Coghlan, 12/; Misses Peak, £1; Hugh R. Munro, £30; Donations through managers Commercial Banking Co.: Taree, proceeds band concert, £7/7/; Dalling, 10/; Burren Junction, £4/12/; Candelo, £1/2/; Bega, £3/15/; Murwillumbrah, £5/15/; Blayney, C. R. Barry, £2/17/; Bellinger £6/14/6; Lismore, £3/7/; Manilla, £2/12/; Forbes, £2/2/; Molong, £1/1; Bowral, £5/3/; Paterson, 18/; Lockhart, £10/14/6; Walgett, £4/6/; Maitland, 6/; Maclean, 10/; Lithgow, £4/2/; Aberdeen, £1/4/; Mrs. Lukeman, 6/; Eden Mrs. Thomas, proceeds sale five skins, 15/8/; Asst. Red Cross Society, £1/16/; Sybil Scharrer, 5/; Ariah Park Red Cross Society, 11/6; M.M.A. (North Sydney), 5/; Riverstone Public School Pupils, per Hy. F. Anstey, £3/7/; Mrs. Mary Wright, 10/; Mrs. Ellis, Haylock, £1/0/6; Manilla Patriotic League, £10; John G. Gray, £1/9/10; Mrs. E. E. Dixon, £5; Mdlle. Soubeiran, for vests for French Red Cross Society, £100; R. H. Hudson, proceeds five skins, £1/18/10; Mrs. E. Swain, proceeds 26 skins, £3/9/8; J. Y. Freeman, £1/5/; Miss Richards, 5/; Wellingrove Patriotic Fund, £6; G. Hamilton Hammon, per J. R. Lawson and Little, 10/6. Total: £2601/4/2.

ULSTER AMBULANCE.

Mrs. Liddell, of Edenvale, Upper Avenue-road, Mosman, acknowledges the following additional subscriptions towards the Ulster Ambulance:—

Miss Kennedy, £2/2/; Major Honey, £2/2/; W. Keesman, £2; W. Anderson, £1/1/; Lamech Deane, £1; J. C. McMaster, £1; Miss M. Day, £1; W. Mcnally, 10/; A. Mitchell, 10/; T. Henry, £1; Mrs. Richardson, 10/; Miss Hewing, 5/; R. H. Rivers, £1. Amount already acknowledged, £15/9/6. Total, £28/4/6.

TRAVELLING KITCHEN FUND.

A well-attended sale of gifts was opened yesterday afternoon by Colonel Cox, at the Queen Victoria Club, M.L.C.-chambers. The bazaar was got up in aid of the travelling kitchen fund by the Women's Liberal League, who intend to present the kitchen, making the fifth subscribed for by the league, to Colonel Cox, for his regiment, before their departure for the front. Mrs. John Waugh, president, welcomed Colonel Cox, who, in opening the sale, declared that of all gifts to the troops, these kitchens, which were designed to serve a hot meal to a soldier at any hour of the day or night, were perhaps the most appreciated by the men. Mrs. Bogue Luffman and Colonel Burne also spoke. Among the articles displayed were some artistic pieces of jewellery, of considerable value, which are being raffled. Songs were contributed by Mrs. Geo. Earp and Mrs. N. Mayman, and a 'cello solo was given by Miss M. Earp. The Misses Tier, Crosier, Y. Bax, Fernley, Gunn, Earp, and Waugh were the salewomen.

THE ISLANDS.

PATRIOTISM IN NEW HEBRIDES

VILA (New Hebrides), Dec. 2.

A meeting was called on November 28 at Vila by a number of French residents for the purpose of organising a volunteer contingent from the New Hebrides archipelago for the front. A committee was formed, and a petition forwarded to the French Resident, soliciting Government aid in the matter, and urging that all the French that can be mobilised in the New Hebrides be called immediately, and sent by the most rapid route to the theatre of war, and concluding:—There should only remain in the New Hebrides women, children, old men, and the infirm—

All the others to the frontier!

Long live the Allies. Long live France!

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A moderate amount of business was carried through on 'Change yesterday at irregular prices.

Variations on previous rates were:—

RISE.

B.H. Proprietary, Deb. ... 15/
Australian Bank of Commerce (shares) /3
Colonial Sugar ... /-
Harris Clark ... /9
Bellambi Coal ... 1/6

Queensland National Bank ... /6
Toohey's, Ltd. ... /2
W. K. Smith ... /2
South Greta Coal ... /1

FALL.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last dividend per annum.	Prices. Last Sales.	Buyer.	Seller.
STOCKS.						
N.S.W. Funded,	..	..	5	70	69	71
Do., Govt. opt.	..	..	5	70½	..	..
Do., due 1915	..	..	2½	..	..	..
Do., due 1921	..	..	3	89/10/	..	..
Do., due 1919	..	..	4	..	..	..
Do., due 1919	..	..	4	96/10/	96	..
Do., due 1923	..	..	4	94	..	..
Do., due 1917	..	..	4	97.15	98	..
Do., due 1923	..	..	4	96	..	..
M.H. Propr., Deb.	..	..	..	96½	96	..
BANKS.						
Australasia	40	40	17	111	110½	..
Aust. & Com.	1	1	3	12/9	12/6	13/-
Bank of N.Z.	65	..	3	..	60/-	70/-
City of Sydney	10	8	5	5/7/6	6	8½
Ditto, new	10	8	6	5/5/-	5½	6½
Com. of Sydney	25	12½	10	25	24½	25
Ditto, pref.	10	10	3	..	..	..
E., S., and A.	25	12½	10	25	17	18
London Bank	20½	10	7	..	10	11½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	7	..	10	13
National	8	5	7	5/5/-	5½	..
N.S.W.	20	10	10	41/2/6	41	41½
New Zealand	65	34	13	9/13/	..	..
Queensland Nat.	6	3	..	80/-	79/-	82/-
Royal of Q'sland	75	45	24	90/6	..	..
Union	25	25	16	52	52	..
DEPOSITS.						
A. B.	..	..	4	14/9	14/7½	15/-
E., S., A., pref.	..	..	4	..	11/-	..
Ditto, def.	..	..	64	..	16/-	..
Ditto, deb.	..	..	4	..	13/9	..
Queensland National	..	..	84	..	..	..
STEAM.						
Adelaide	1	1	6	20/6	20/2	..
Balmain N. Ferry	1	1	7½	..	19/8	21/-
Brisbane Tram	1	1	6	20/-	18/-	20/-
Ditto, new	1	1	4	..	..	..
Illawarra and S. C.	15	..	7½	14/6	14/-	15/-
Newcastle	1	1	7	27/	27/9	28/-
North Coast	1	1	8	27/6	28/9	27/6
Sydney Ferries	1	1	10	14/6	14/-	15/-
Ditto, new	1	10/	10	14/6	14/-	..
Port Jackson	1	15/	12½	40/	40/-	..
Union, C.T.	1	1	7	21/3	21/9	..
Union, pref.	1	1	5½	19/6	22/-	..
INSURANCE.						
Australian Mutual	1	15½	15½	40/	39/	42/
Colonial Mutual	1	1	13	..	..	5/-
L. G. A.	10	8/	..	4/9	4/6	5/-
Mercantile Mutual	10	16½	10	19/	18/6	19/6
New Zealand	10	3	10	5/10/	..	6½
Queensland	1	1	10	50/	49/	..
Reinsurance	1	1	10	4/6	..	..
United	10	3½	10	6/7/6	6½	..
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Aarons' Ex. Hotel	10/	7/	12½	..	10/-	..
Acmetec Bread	1	1	1	..	1/-	..
Allen, Taylor	1	1	10	24/6	24/6	25/-
Amal. Wireless	1	1	1	..	..	..
Arthur Cocks	1	1	1	..	24/6	..
A. and J. Ellis	1	1	10	16/	15/9	..
Aust. Prov.	1	1	10	27/6	27/3	..
Aust. Mar. Fib.	5	5/	5	..	..	..
Australia Hotel	1	1	15	30/	30/-	35/-
Ditto, cons.	1	10/	20	..	24/	..
Aust. Wl. Pipes	1	1	10	21/3	21/-	21/6
Aust. Picture Pal.	1	1	30	..	..	..
Beard, Watson	1	1	1	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	1	..	..	..
Bevnon Bros.	1	1	1	5/6	2/3	2/6
B.H. W. Supply	5/	5/	6	..	..	..
Brooks	1	1	1	..	..	..
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	64/	63/	65/-
C. Anderson, Co.	1	1	10	..	24/6	..
Colonial Sugar	20	20	12½	45/15/	45/	46/
Dalgety	100	100	10	6/20/	..	..
Dunlop	1	1	10	27/7½	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	26/6	26/6	..
Elec. L. and P.	1	1	10	23/3	23/-	..
Ditto, 2nd Debs.	100	100	..	120	119	..
Emu Bay	15/	15/	..	..	..	..
Fass Gravel	1	1	20	35/	26/6	..
E. Rich and Co.	1	1	8	11/3	11/-	11/6
Fairmead Sugar	1	1	10	23/4	23/-	23½
Farmer and Co.	10	10	12½	15/17/6	..	15½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	8	..	..	..
Fielding, Gotthelf	1	1	1	..	..	..
Fresh Food	1	1/8	8	26/6	27/-	..
Goldsbrough, Mort	1	1	20	32/3	31/9	32/3
Goodlet Smith	15/	15/	10	14/6	13/6	17/-
Grace Williams	1	1	1	11/	10/9	..
Harrison, Jones	1	1	10	..	21/-	..
Hotels, contg.	1	10/	10	..	10/6	..
H. Jones, Co. op.	1	1	1	24/3	24/-	..
Hotel Metropole	1	1	1	..	25/-	..
Howard Smith	1	1	20	5/4	5/3/9	5/4/6
Ditto, pref.	1	1	7	21/6	21/6	22/-
Ditto, def.	1	1	5	..	..	20/4
Hydraulic	1	1	1	..	..	..
Ludowici	1	1	1	..	..	..
Gardiner	1	1	10	23/6	23/6	24/6
J. Sharp, Sons	1	1	1	..	..	..
King Theatre	1	1	15	..	..	..
Marcus Clark	1	1	8	23/6	22/6	24/
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10/6/6	10	..
Meters	1	1	10	10/	21/-	15/-
Mick Simmons	1	1	1	..	..	..
Millaquin Sugar	10	10	8	11	10/	11½
Moffin and Co.	1	1	1	..	..	..
Mort's Dock	1	1	15	41/	40/-	..
Ditto, new	1	1	12½	..	..	..
Moss's Glass	1	1	10	17/9	17/6	18/1½
Nicholson's	1	1	1	..	..	..
Paris House	10/	10/	1	..	4/6	4/6
Paul and Gray	1	1	10	20/6	20/-	21/-
Peebles	1	1	1	..	20/-	..
Penn, Trustee	5	5	10	6/9	6/6	..
Penn, Trust	10	10	10	18/6	18/3	..
Pitt, Son, Badgery	1	1	10	..	..	..
R. Robinson	1	1	1	..	..	..
R. H. Gordon	1	1	10	30/6	28/	31/-
R. and Wrench	1	1	7	24/	23/	..
Rheumatic	1	1	10	27/	26/6	28/6
Silberton Trams	1	1	50	91/	..	..
S.C. Road Metal	1	1	1	..	..	..
Spencer's	1	1	10	14/	13/6	14/6
Sydney Wayfood	1	1	1	..	..	..
Ditto, new	10/	10/	12½	15/	14/	15/-
Stan. Pres., pref.	1	1	1	..	..	..
Sun Newspaper	1	1	1	35/3	35/-	..
Sydney Exchange	10	10	6	..	10/	11/6
Sydney Hydraulic	1	1	1	..	14/6	..
Ditto, contg.	1	1	1	..	6/9	7/6
Sydney Ice Skating	1	1	1	4/9	4/7	4/10
W. F. Smith	1	1	1	55/	54/	..
W. H. Soul	1	1	10	..	25/-	..
W. T. Waters	1	1	10	..	20/6	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	1	..	19/6	..
Winchcombe, C.	1	1	1	..	13/6	..
Wright, Heaton	2½	2½	10	..	..	85/-
Wunderlich	1	1	10	21/4	22/	25/-
Ditto, pref.	1	1	1	..	..	..
Wentworth Hotel	1	1	1	..	..	..
LAND AND BD.						
Newmarket	2	2	7	88/	..	..
Intercolonial	1	1	9	..	22/	..
COAL.						
Abermain	1	1	10	..	..	37/6
Ditto, new	1	15	10	..	..	..
Bellambi	1	1	10	29	28/5	29/-
Blair Athol	10	10/	20	..	..	..
Caledonian, pref.	1	1	8	..	24/	24/6
Van Gorta	1	1	10	20/6	22/	22/-
Bletson	5	5	10	..	22/	23/
Metrop., 10 Pc.	1	1	5	..	..	10/3
Mount Kembla	1	1	1	17/	17/-	..
New Lambton	1	1/10	10	..	60/-	61/
North Bulli	1	1	1	..	4/	..
South Greta	10	10	1	..	1/10	2/6
Ditto, new	1	2/6	1	1/6	1/7	2/-
Tale of Lloyd	1	1	10	24/3	23/6	25/6
Wallsend	10	4	17	11	11	..
Wickham	1	1	12½	20/4	18/6	20/-
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	..	26/6	..

*Ex dividend. **Cum dividend.
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STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Bellambi, 29/; Queensland National Bank, 80; E. Rich and Co., 11/3; United Insurance, £6/7/6; Commercial Bank of Sydney, £25.

Noon: Commercial Bank of Sydney, £26; Toohey's, 24/3; Queensland National Bank, 80/; Tooth and Co., pref., 23/; Allen Taylor, 24/6; J. D. Williams, 11/; W. E. Smith, 4/9.

Afternoon: Australian Bank of Commerce shares, 12/9; South Greta, old, 2/10; Colonial Sugar, £45/15/; B.H. Proprietary debs., £96/6; Marcus Clark, 23/3; J. D. Williams, 11/; Bank of Australasia, £111; Joe Gardiner, 23/6.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were: Victorian Government 4 per cents., £4/15/; B.H. Proprietary 6 per cents., £97/15/; Colonial Bank, 30/; Royal Bank, 26/; A.M.A. Bank, deb., pref., 18/6; N.Z. Loan, old stock, 17/6; Howard Smith, £5/5/; ditto, com pref., 21/9; Silverton Tramway, 8/-; Dunlop Rubber, ord., 27/9; Kauri Timber, 1/-.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were: South Brisbane Gas, ord., 22/5; Queensland National Bank, 80/9.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were: Adelaide Electric, £32.

FINANCIAL.

WAR AND AUSTRALIAN FINANCE.

How Australia experienced the financial shock caused by the outbreak of war, and the reasons for her solidity, were stated by Mr. C. J. Hegan, chairman of directors of the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, at the annual meeting of shareholders in London recently. Never had the banking world experienced, he said, so sudden and severe a shock or one which led to so widespread a dislocation of business as that which occurred in the early days of August last. Owing to the prompt and admirable way in which the situation was dealt with by the manager in London, and the general manager in Australia, the directors had never at any time the slightest uneasiness as to the position. Owing to timely precautions taken, the bank was unusually strong in coin when the moratorium came into force, and had long since ceased to avail itself of the provisions of that measure. In common with all the other Australian banks, the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank was doing its best to minimise the effects of the war and to bring things back as far as may be to their normal condition. If this great war was bound to take place—and he should think that by this time there were few who entertained any doubt that it was inevitable, and that preparation had long been made for it in a certain quarter—it could not have come, from the Australian point of view, at a more favourable time. Had war broken out a few months later, the shipping season would have been in full swing, and all the banks would have held a very much larger number of foreign acceptances, representing the shipment of wool and other Australian produce to the Continent, and the dislocation of business would have been much more serious than it was. The war found Australia in an excellent position in all material respects to face the economic problems arising out of it. A succession of good seasons, and the consequent increase in the deposits held by the various banks, had placed the Commonwealth in a strong financial position. These favourable features were especially reassuring. Mr. Hegan concluded his references to the war by expressing the congratulations of the bank at the splendid way in which the Commonwealth had responded to the mother country's call for help. It was only another proof of the fact that whatever party might be in power, all sections of the community were ready to acknowledge the responsibilities as well as to enjoy the privileges of belonging to the great British Empire.

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COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

The oil market was lifeless yesterday. There was no further change in linseed oil in the English market. Prices here are steady, first brands being quoted at 4/ and 4/2, occasionally 3/11 and 4/1, with second brands 2d below these prices. Whitelead was without alteration, in spite of an increase in the duty of £1 a ton. The market is heavily stocked with second brands. Turpentine was selling at 3/3 to 3/4½ less discount. China oil was a drug in the market, and was difficult to dispose of. Whale oil had an improved demand, best refined selling at 2/ per gallon. No change was noted in castor oil or soya bean oil, although the duty being 2d more there must be some increase in soon as present stocks become depleted.

In the metal market wires had a better inquiry, and it was difficult to purchase parcels of No. 8 black under £9.12/6. Distributing rates were £9.15 and £9.17/6 for No. 8 and No. 10. Galvanised wire No. 8 sold at £11, and No. 10 at £12 in ton lots. Everything offering of black and galvanised was bought up just before the duty was imposed, about 80 tons changing hands. Wire netting was also in demand, the increase in the price of the locally-made having increased the inquiry for the imported netting. Only English netting is now coming forward from overseas, and that slowly, as the English houses are unable to fill the orders with which they are flooded. Shelf lines are becoming scarcer. Inquiries for locks, picks, and shovels could not be satisfied. There was also a dearth of high-grade tools.

JUTE.

WHAT THE MILLS PROPOSE DOING.

According to information received in Melbourne, a meeting of members of the Indian Jute Fabrics Shippers' Association, interested in the proposal for the formation of a pool for the disposal of goods cancelled by Australian buyers, was held in Calcutta on October 23. A statement, giving the returns of cancelled goods, received in response to the committee's circular, dated October 17, was placed on the table, from which it appeared that about 23,000 bales of cornsacks were affected. Small quantities of other goods had also been cancelled, but it was decided to limit the pool to cornsacks only. A subcommittee was appointed, consisting of Mr. R. O. Law, Mr. E. A. Nassin, and Mr. F. E. Mills' Association, placing the position before them, and requesting their assistance in the direction of endeavouring to get the members to agree not to sell cornsacks below Rs. 36 per hundred, this being the average rate at which buyers were holding goods which had been cancelled.

It was also decided to write to the managing agents of the British-India Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., and ask if they would be prepared to give a guarantee not to book any further freight for Australia for a period of two months, and in the case of shippers having forward sales, for which freight had not been secured, to issue shipping orders only on instructions from the sub-committee, who would satisfy themselves that the freight required was not for new business. Before the meeting separated, a discussion took place regarding the need for bringing forward the association's proposed form of contract for Australian business. The chairman was strongly of opinion that a still firmer stand should be taken, and that business should only be undertaken in future on f.a.s. terms, leaving it to the buyers to make their own arrangements for freight and insurances. The meeting was quite in favour of this proposal, but one member said it would be necessary for him to consult his agent in Australia before binding himself in any way. At the request of the meeting, Mr. A. Bremner undertook to take the matter in hand, and to have new forms printed with the proposed addition. Members would then be approached with a view to signing an undertaking not to sell on any other terms.

Sydney importers when spoken to yesterday stated emphatically that they would refuse to do business on a f.a.s. basis. "The suggestion is ridiculous," said one. "Such terms would simply mean that the mills acknowledge the responsibilities as well as to enjoy the privileges of belonging to the great British Empire.

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LONDON MARKET CABLES.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The seventh series of wool sales opened today. Jacomb, Son, and Co., and Buxton, Rondald, and Co., offered 5538 bales, and there was an excellent attendance of buyers. Except for New Zealand slipes and scoureds, for which there was animated competition at late rates, the catalogues were entirely merinos, for which competition was very weak.

There are plenty of American orders on the market, but they cannot be executed because of insufficient information with regard to the guarantees required.

Sir George Reid has circulated an announcement that any reasonable guarantees will be accepted, but this is not considered sufficiently definite for quality operations. Some holders declare that the best solution of the difficulty would be for the Government to declare wool contraband of war.

Shafty combing declined 10 per cent., short and faulty parcels 15 per cent. to 25 per cent.

Messrs. John Sanderson and Co. have received the following cablegram from their London House, Messrs. Sanderson, Murray, and Co., dated Tuesday inst.:—"The 5th and concluding series of sales for the present year commenced to-day. There was a large attendance of buyers, but competition was poor. Prices for good combing merino, compared with the closing rates of last sales (5th November), ruled 10 per cent. lower, and for medium 15 per cent. lower, while inferior and faulty merinos were practically unsaleable. Crossbreds advanced from per to 5 per cent. higher."

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Company, Ltd., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency, Ltd., Mr. W. G. Deuchar, Winchcombe, Carson, Ltd., the Co-operative Wool and Produce Company, Ltd., Gibbs, Bright, and Co., Hill, Clark, and Co., Ltd., also received cables.

METALS.

Closing quotations to-day were:—

Copper: G.M.B., spot £55/7/6 to £55/12/6 per ton (2/6 down); at three months, £55/10/ to £55/15/ (2/6 down).

Electrolytic copper: £58/10/ to £59/10/ per ton (5/ up).

Tin: Spot, £146/10/ to £147 per ton (£1 down); at three months, £145 to £145/10/ per ton (10/ down).

Lead: Soft foreign, £19 to £19/2/6 per ton (1/3 down).

Spelter: £27/10/ to £27/17/6 per ton (6/3 up).

THE WHEAT MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Wheat, firm. Visible supply. 116,930,000 bushels.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.

December wheat was quoted, 116⅜ cents per bushel to 117⅛; May, 121⅛ to 121¾.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat moderate sales, 6/8; flour, £14; bran, £9/5/; pollard, £9/10/; barley firm, English 5/9 to 6/, Cape 4/3 to 4/6; oats strong, 3/10 to 4/, steel higher; maize difficult to procure, 4/6; chaff dull, £5/15/ to £6/7/6; hay easier, trusses £6/10/ to £7, old sheaves £5/10/; new £4/10/ to £5/; Victorian straw declined, £2/10/ to £3; Tasmanian wheaten, £3/5/ to £3/10/; potatoes firm, old Carmens £6/10/ to £7, Excelsiors £6/10/; new Carmens £4 to £4/10/, new Carmens easier, £11 to £11/10/; onions easier, Globes £11 to £11/10/; tea quiet; cream of tartar firm, 2/; cornsacks, buyers 3/3 net, sellers 3/6 to 3/9 net, country lots 3/6, less discount; branbags, 4/6 to 4/9; woolpacks, slow, 2/10 to 2/10½.

Prices in the metropolitan meat market for the past week were as follows:—Beef: Prime bodies, 32/ to 38/ per 100lb., medium 29/ to 30/; prime forequarters, 24/ to 25/ per 100lb, medium 22/ to 23/; prime hindquarters, 28/ to 29/ per 100lb, medium 25/ to 27/. Sheep: Prime, 7½d to 7¾d per lb, medium 7d to 7½d. Lambs: Prime, 7½d to 7¾d each, medium 6/ to 11/. Veal: Prime large vealers, 7½d to 8 per lb, medium 7d to 7½d; prime small vealers 7½d to 8d, medium 7d to 7½d; prime small calves, 7½d to 7¾d, medium 7d to 7½d.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Wheat firm, 5/7½ to 5/9, growers' lots; parcels 6/ to 6/3. Flour, £13/15/ to £13; bran, 2/1; pollard, 2/3; oats firm, 3/9 ex store; barley, 5/9 for Chevalier f.a.b.; oats firm, 4/6 to 4/8. Hay and chaff advanced 10/; hay, Cape 4/6 to 4/8. Hay and chaff advanced 10/; hay, £9/5/ delivered Adelaide; chaff, £7 trucks Mile end, £6/15/ ex store. Cornsacks nominally 3/6 to 3/9; spot lots; branbags, 4/6 to 4/9, spot lots; potatoes firm, £10/10/ to £17, new season's, ex store. Onions, £15 to £16.

PRODUCE.

DAIRY.

HEAVY SLUMP IN EGGS.

The foolishness of bumping the egg market along at the rate of 2d a dozen should now be fully realised by the powers that be in Sussex-street. Yesterday the demand for new-laid varieties showed a further falling off, and many agents were glad to sell their best brands at from 1/ to 1/1 a dozen, as compared with 1/2 and 1/3 on the previous day, and 1/3 and 1/4 on Monday. One or two holders again asked to 1/2 for choice graded lots, but no actual sales were made at this price. Railway and South Coast consignments were also weaker, and were offered at from 10d to 1/ a dozen. The market was practically bare of river eggs, but agents were booking orders at 10d a dozen. Duck eggs were unchanged at the previous day levels.

Bacon and hams were again in good demand, and prices were well maintained.

Quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCT.

Bacon.—Sides /9½ to /10, flitches /8½, middles /10½, shoulders /7; bacon hams /11 to 1/; special brand sides /10½, flitches /9½, middles 1/, shoulders /8; rashers /9½. Butter:—1/ per cwt to be added for boxes and cartage. New South Wales selected brands 101/, and secondary, 7/6 to 90/ per cwt.

Cheese.—Prime loaf and large /5½ to /6, good /5 to /5½, cough /4½ to /5, Northern Rivers, /5½ to /6, special brands /7 per lb.

Eggs.—Suburban new-laid, 1/ to 1/2; South Coast and rail-laid, 10d to 1/; Northern Rivers, /10, duck eggs, new-laid, 1/ to 1/2; case eggs, /11 per dozen.

Flams.—Single cloth, ordinary brands, /11 to 1/2; special brands, 1/3; double cloth, ordinary brands, 1/3½; special brands, 1/5½ per lb.

Honey.—60lb tins of choice western, /2½ to /4, good /2½ to /3½; Northern Rivers, best /3½ to /3½ per lb.

Onions.—Choice 1/1 to 1/4, good 1/1 to 1/3; dark 1/ per lb.

Lard.—Packets, /7½ to /8, bulk, /7½ per lb.

Pigs' Feet.—1/4 to 1/9 per dozen.

Pigs' Heads.—1/3 per head.

Fritz Sausage.—/6½ to /7½; garlic, /7½; German, /6.

POULTRY.

Railway and River Consignments.—Old hens, 2/6 to 3/8, choice 3/6; young roosters, 3/ to 3/9, choice to 4/6; chickens, small, 3/ to 3/6, large 4/ to 4/6; Muscovy ducks, 4/ to 4/6, choice to 5/; drakes, 5/ to 5/6, choice to 6/6; English ducks, 3/ to 3/3, choice 7/6; turkeys, gobblers, good 10/ to 12/, choice £1; hens, 8/ to 9/; pigeons, paired lots to 1/8; guineafowls, 4/ to 5/; geese, 7/ to 8/6 a pair.

Suburban Consignments.—Fowls, young roosters 4/ to 4/8, choice to 7/3, small hens 3/6; fat hens, 3/ to 3/6, choice to 4/6; ducks, English, 3/9 to 4/, choice to 4/6; Muscovy, 4/6 to 5/, choice to 5/9; drakes, Muscovy, 7/ to 9/, choice to 11/; turkeys, hen, medium to 8/6, good to 9/, choice to land; cocks, medium to 15/, good to 20/, prime to 28/, no choice to hand; pigeons to 1/6 per pair; geese to 10/6 per pair.

FORAGE AND GRAIN.

Prices were generally well maintained at the forage and grain end of Sussex-street yesterday.

Stocks of straw were light, and holders of Tasmanian wheaten were able to secure as high as £4/7/6 a ton. Tasmanian oaten realised to £4/5/.

Oats and maize were firmly held.

Quotations were:—

FORAGE.

Chaff.—Nominal.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: Oaten 4/5, wheaten £4/7/6 a ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The Wyong Park Racing Club holds a meeting this afternoon, and metropolitan racegoers can reach the scene of operations by the trains leaving the Central Railway Station at 6.40, 9.15, 9.55 (horses), 10.40, and 11.25 a.m.; trains leave Newcastle at 6.40, 11.20 a.m. (horses), and 12.8 p.m.; and Morpeth at 9.25 and Maitland at 10.10 a.m. The track is reported to be good going, and an enjoyable outing seems assured.

Mr. J. Underhill will receive entries up to 5 o'clock to-day for the Ascot Racing Club's pony and galloway meeting on Wednesday, December 16.

The A.J.C. has granted registration to the following meetings:—Wauchope J.C., January 8 and 9; Moruya R.C., February 1 and 2.

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday:—

A.J.C. SUMMER MEETING.

Villiers Stakes: Velours.

ROSEHILL MEETING.

All engagements: Malt Mary.

Clyde Stakes: Ultramarine, Arlanza.

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.

A successful pony and galloway meeting was held yesterday at the Kensington racecourse. Speculation was brisk, and several of the events resulted in close finishes. Details:—

Maiden Handicap of 100 sovs., second 15 and third 20 from the prize, 5ft.—First division: T. J. O'Loughlin's ch m Royal Flora, by Royal Artillery—Flora M'Donald, 4 yrs, 9st 2lb (W. James), 1; H. Rixon's br m Nooran, 6 yrs, 8st 12lb (A. Gardiner), 2; br m Depend, 6 yrs, 8st 10lb (R. Currie), 3. Other starters:—Lady Dominant, 8st 5lb; Dowdy Girl, 8st 2lb; Stray Girl, 8st 2lb; Sea Gull, 8st 1lb; Lyfort, 8st 1lb; Sunny Ridge, 7st 13lb; Wee Minnie, 7st 13lb; Howard May, 7st 11lb; Lady Decide, 7st 11lb. Betting: 5 to 4 on Royal Flora, 6 to 4 v Nooran, 12 to 1 v Depend, 20 to 1 each v the others. Won by a length and a half, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 9⅘s. Second division: W. M. Griffith's br m Egg Flip, by Fucile—Nancy Loch, 4 yrs, 8st (A. Wagner), 1; br m Colapy, 4 yrs, 8st (J. Walsh), 2; W. Ross's b m Antoinette, 5 yrs, 8st (W. Suttle), 3. Other starters: Antonia, 8st 3lb; The Doctor, 8st 2lb; The Gamester, 8st; Red Fuchsia, 8st; Mattie H., 8st; The Fool, 8st; Flaymaid, 8st; Duri, 8st; Bouquet, 7st 12lb. Betting: 3 to 1 each v Colapy and Egg Flip, 4 to 1 v Mattie H., 5 to 1 v Antoinette, 6 to 1 v Duri, 20 to 1 each v the others. Won by a neck, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 10s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 100 sovs, second 15, and third 20 sovs from the prize, 1m.—F. Longford's b g All There, by Kensington—Red Rose, aged, 8st 4lb (H. Watterson), 1; A. J. Doyle's b m Roy Queen, aged, 8st 10lb (M. Hayes), 2; ch g The Despot, aged, 7st 13lb (W. Thompson), 3. Other starters: Doughboy, 10st 6lb; Clysmic, 8st 6lb; Fireglow, 9st 4lb; Miss Noni, 9st 1lb; Home Rule, 8st 13lb; Ash Tray, 8st 7lb; Miss Persian, 8st 5lb; Marie Clare, 8st 13lb, inc. 7lb penalty; Miss Carbeau, 8st 5lb, inc. 4lb over; Silver Havoc, 7st 10lb; Moombah, carr. 8st 13lb, al. 7lb; Miha L., 7st 10lb, inc. 3lb over. Betting: 4 to 1 v Miss Noni, 5 to 1 v Fireglow, 6 to 1 v Silver Havoc, 8 to 1 each v All There, Ash Tray, Doughboy, and Home Rule, 10 to 1 each v Roy Queen, Miss Persian, and Miss Carbeau, 15 to 1 v The Despot, 20 to 1 each v the others. Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 46s.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, second 15 and third 20 from the prize, 5½f.—First division: A. J. Doyle's g g Trustworthy, by Tourmaline—Young Cup—Lady Correze (H. Townsend), 1; Mrs. R. O'Donnell's ch g Clarence, aged, 8st (T. Moulden), 2; G. Snow's ch g Merv's Pride, 5yrs, 8st 10lb (A. Wagner), 3. Other starters: Tomelle, 9st 4lb; Pasnopa, 8st 5lb; Tourmaline, 8st 13lb; Not There, 8st 3lb; Yamba, 8st 2lb; Hulbrook, 8st 2lb; Banderoll, 8st 2lb; The Shaver, 8st; and Cacalia, 7st 13lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Trustworthy, 5 to 1 v Clarence, 5 to 1 v Tourmaline, 6 to 1 v Toinette, 8 to 1 each v Merv's Pride, Yamba, and Banderoll, 10 to 1 each v Cacalia, Hulbrook, and Pasnopa, 12 to 1 each v The Shaver and Not There. Won by half a head, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 1m 0s. Second division: A. J. Harris's b m Elsie Phast, by Waukenphast—Elsie, 6yrs, 8st 4lb (A. Harris), 1; G. Morgan's g g Milgaro, aged, 8st 6lb (E. Tanko), 2; C. M'Rae's ch g Boongar, 6yrs, 8st 5lb (C. Hobbs), 3. Other starters: Harbour, 8st 5lb; Wyalla, 8st 10lb; Little Queen, 8st; Mouchbil, 8st; Pasnopa, 8st; Stettin, 7st 12lb, and Blue Aster, 7st 12lb. Betting: 4 to 1 each v Elsie Phast, Milgaro, and Boongar, 7 to 1 each v Auson and Wyalla, 8 to 1 each v Harbour, Queen, and Mouchbil, 10 to 1 each v the others. Won by half a length, a head between second and third. Time, 1m 10s.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 100 sovs, second 15 and third 20 from the prize, 5½f.—A. E. Humphrey's br m Chatho, by Clytus—Queenlike, 6yrs, 8st 2lb (H. Watterson), 1; F. G. Perry's b m Bobadil Maid, 4yrs, 8st 6lb (W. Lilleyman), 2; J. J. Brown's blk g Fly Scot, 5yrs, 8st (M. Hayes), 3. Other starters: Morpeth, 9st 3lb; Merv's, 9st 12lb; Frithfield, 7st 10lb; Lady Calman, 7st 8lb; Pattie, 7st 8lb; Carbonniferous, 7st 10lb, inc. 2lb over; Queen Hurst, 7st 7lb; and Lady Nell, 7st 2lb, al. 7lb. Betting: 9 to 4 v Bobadil Maid, 6 to 4 each v Queen Hurst and Thea Merv, 5 to 1 v 4 to 1 each v Queen Hurst and Thea Merv, 5 to 1 v Chatho, 7 to 1 v Sir Merv, 10 to 20 to 1 each v the others. Won by a head, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 9⅘s.

Approved Stakes of 100 sovs, second 15 and third 20 from the prize, 5½f.—A. Hudson's b g Jarness, by Jarnac—Fortunatus (imp.)—Gardenia, 3yrs, 8st 4lb (W. James), 1; A. Cobbaut's b m Lady Oxfield, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (W. Cross), 2; J. Anderson's br g Clifford, aged, 7st 7lb (Thomson), 3. Other starters: Prince of Arragon, 8st 10lb; Yarri, 8st 4lb; Arakoon, 8st 2lb; Lorna, 7st 12lb; Amico, 7st 11lb; Mountain Prince, 7st 10lb; Cobbanco, 7st 10lb; Brownie, 7st 8lb; Renoria, 7st 9lb, inc. 2lb over; Moorfield Lad, 7st 7lb; Miss Long, 7st 7lb, Riding Habit, 7st 7lb; and Bonnie Bess, 7st 5lb. Betting: 4 to 1 each v Yarri and Lady Oxfield, 9 to 2 v Larras, 5 to 1 v Lorna, 7 to 1 each v Prince of Arragon and Mountain Prince, 10 to 1 each v Amico and Miss Long, 25 to 1 v Clifford, 20 to 1 each v the others. Won by half a length, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 8⅘s.

Fourteen Hands Handicap of 100 sovs, second 15 and third 10 from the prize, 5f.—R. Richards's b m Secret, by Mophroon—Rosa, 5yrs, 7st 5lb (C. Bolton), 1; H. Spice's b or br m Gladly, by Goodfellow—Birdie, 4yrs, 7st 12lb (W. James), 2; W. Kuhn's br g Honeymoon, 6yrs, 8st 12lb (J. Heffernan), 3. Other starters: Thamia, 10st 12lb; Atherton, 9st 7lb; Lord Hope, 9st 5lb; Lady Peggy, 7st 8lb; Iola, carr. 6st 12lb, al. 7lb; and Lady Zena, 7st 5lb. Betting: Even money on Honeymoon, 7 to 2 v Atherton, 7 to 1 v Gladly, 10 to 1 each v Secret and Thamia, 12 to 1 each v the others. Won by three-quarters of a length, a head between second and third. Time, 1m 5s.

Kensington Handicap of 100 sovs, second 15 and third 10 from the prize, 5½f.—Mrs. R. O'Donnell's ch g Clarence, by Kensington—Martha G., aged, 7st 13lb (H. Watterson), 1; H. Fisher's ch h Burnore, 4yrs, 8st 5lb (S. Readiner), 2; D. O'Connor's ch m Miss Linen, aged, 8st 7lb (H. Miller), 3. Other starters: Cable News, 9st 2lb; Halston, 9st 1lb; Patrovader, 8st 13lb; Single Set 8lb; Bunaba, 8st 7lb; Corunen, 8st 5lb; Lady Murillo, 8st 4lb; Brown Eyes, 7st 10lb. Betting: 5 to 2 each v Burnore, Miss Linen, and Halston, 6 to 1 each v Single, Bunaba, and Lady Murillo, 8 to 1 each v Clarence, Cable News, and Brown Eyes, 10 to 1 each v Patrovader and Corunen. Won by a length and a half, a length between second and third. Time, 1m 4⅘s. Second division: F. G. Perry's br h Mavon, by Flavon (imp.)—Margie, aged, 8st 5lb (H. Mavo), 1; Mrs. M. Watterworth's blk g Bobby Burns, 5yrs, 7st 13lb (R. Porter), 2; J. Toomey's b g Vigaro, aged, 8st 5lb (T. Moulden), 3. Other starters: Whisper, 7st 5lb; Miss Katherine, 8st 5lb; Cocorico, 7st 13lb; Ardale, 7st 11lb; Miss Ethel, 7st 11lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Miss Katherine, 5 to 1 v Vigaro, 6 to 1 v Boree Gova, 7 to 1 each v Bobby and Cocorico, 8 to 1 each v Mavon and Whisper, 10 to 1 v Battleship, 15 to 1 each v the others. Won by a length and three-quarters, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 1m 45s.

EPSOM RACING CLUB.

MINTSTONE WINS EPSOM HANDICAP.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The weather was bright and fine for the Epsom meeting this afternoon, and the attendance was good. Details:—

Maiden Plate, 5f.—P. Russell's Phylactery, by Bobadil—Phyllis, 7st 12lb (W. Minter), 1; S. Miller's Pearl, 7st 9lb (D. M'Cowan), 2; J. Scobie's Polska, 7st 12lb (R. Lewis), 3. Other starters: Hayston, 7st 10lb; Narina, 7st 7lb; Sir Hugo, 7st 5lb; Stolen Love, 8st 11lb, inc 4lb over; Bobilda, 8st 10lb. Betting: 7 to 4 on Phylactery, 4 to 1 v Polska, 8 to 1 v Stolen Love, 15 to 1 v Pearl. Won by two lengths and a half, a length between second and third. Time, 1m 4⅘s.

Steeplechase, 2m 2½ch.—G. Nixon's Brown Bird, by Sensonal—Black Bird, 9st 4lb (H. Leahy), 1; T. Lethgow's Yeringa, 9st 10lb (D. Williamson), 2. Other starters: Illoola, 10st 4lb; Goldsplash, 10st 4lb; Evil Better, 9st 9lb; Parcoola, 9st 7lb; Seventeen, 9st; Terra, 9st; Rifleman, 9st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Yeringa, 7 to 4 v Kulbertie, 4 to 1 v Brown Bird, 7 to 1 each v Goldsplash and Seventeen. Won by five lengths, six lengths between second and third. Goldsign ran off, Lilloa pulled up, and Parcoola lost his rider. Time, 4m 41s. A protest was lodged against the winner, but was dismissed. Kulbertie, who ran second, was disqualified for running inside a post.

Epsom Handicap, 1m.—A. Larkeek's Mintstone, by Friars Stone—Mimette, 3yr, 8st 5lb (W. Minter), 1; J. Hobson's Gold Gift, 4yrs, 8st 4lb, car. 7st 2lb (J. Higgins), 2; T. Kerr's Little Friar, 8st 2lb (J. Killoran), 3. Other starters: Rosevina, 8st 5lb; Prince Aurate, 7st 8lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Rosevina, 5 to 2 each v Mintstone and Little Friar, 9 to 2 v Gold Gift. Won by two and a half lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 1m 42⅘s.

Jumpers' Flat, 1½m.—C. Irwin's Socotra, by Mooltan—Carbinette, 8st 2lb (P. Kelly), 1; Jodwel's Von Honnreich, 8st 2lb (L. Fisher), 2; Harris and Bourke's Bessemer, 10st 5lb (G. Harrison), 3. Other starters: Lord Dudley, 9st 5lb; Bert's Change, 9st 3lb; Tidal Wave, 10st 1lb; Vodka, 8st 11lb; Yandilla King, 8st 11lb; Hypo, 9st 10lb; Sequrious, 9st 7lb; Dust Cloud, 8st 4lb; Belfast, 7st 4lb; Persian Light, 8st 3lb; Night Walk, 8st 2lb; Wentworth, 8st 2lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Socotra, 5 to 1 v Von Honnreich, 7 to 1 v Night Walk, 10 to 1 each v Dust Cloud and Belfast, 14 to 1 v Bessemer. Won by a neck, half a length between second and third. Time, 2m 19⅘s.

Open Handicap, 6f.—H. Watson's Tinana, by Challenger—Cheville, 5st 7lb (R. Smart), 1; J. Hinchcliffe's Bobbery, 3ll. 5lb, car. 7st (H. A. Reany), 2; R. Bradfield's Kalgoorlie, 7st 7lb, inc. 4lb over (C. Gutbrie), 3. Other starter: Jemlah, 8st 12lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Bobbery, 2 to 1 v Tinana, 8 to 1 v Kalgoorlie. Won by a head, same between second and third. Time, 1m 15s.

Trial Handicap, 6f.—J. C. Roberts' Full Tone, by Harmonist—Buffalo Lou, 6st 7lb (R. Witticker), 1; T. Tantram's Lys D'Or, 7st 11lb (D. M'Cowan), 2; H. M'Neil's Tinsina, 8st 5lb, inc. 3lb over (D. M'Cowan), 3. Other starters: Eurobin, 9st 5lb; Flavaflare, 9st 3lb; Jungle Town all. 5lb, car. 8st 5lb; Lady Reigle, 9st; Trepid, 7st 10lb; Mollipurta, 7st 10lb; Majelli, 7st 8lb; Bandolero, 7st 4lb; Play Hour, all. 7lb; Arlona, all. 21lb, car. 7st 11lb; College Green, 7st 4lb; Nahata, all. 4lb, car. 6st 10lb; Beothulla, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Lys D'Or, 3 to 1 each v Eurobin and Trepid, 8 to 1 v Majelli, 12 to 1 v Full Tone, 20 to 1 v Ursafina. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1m 15⅘s.

ALBURY RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

The summer meeting of the Albury Racing Club was held to-day in warm weather. There was a good attendance. Results:—

Hurdle Race, about 2m.—Mr. Rose's Jolly Sailor, by Fleet—Admiral—Priority, 10st (Hegarty), 1; T. Reid's Irreverie, 11st (Mr. Rose), 2; Mrs. C. Cochrane's Lunacy, 9st 7lb (N. Stugnt), 3. Other starters: Meyerfonn, 9st 7lb; Awful, 9st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Jolly Sailor, 9 to 4 v Lunacy, 3 to 1 v Meyerfonn, 6 to 1 v Irreverie. Won by half a length, three-quarters of a length. Time, 3m 55⅘s.

Maiden Plate, 6f.—M. Allison's Wild George, by George Frederick—Alarm, 8st 12lb (Williams), 1; H. Andrews' Miyo Sun, 8st 2lb (Baker), 2; A. Rose's Jolly Skipper, 8st 12lb (Hegarty), 3. Other starters: Millawa, 8st 12lb; Right Hero, 8st 12lb; Duncan Cameron, 8st 12lb; Gambil, 8st 11lb; Jas. Want, 8st 10lb; Firestick, 8st 10lb; Bellatrix, 8st 10lb; Glenrossie, 8st 1lb; Ballandook, 7st 13lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v Wild George, 4 to 1 each v Jas. Want and Ballandook, 5 to 1 each v Miyo Sun and Gambil, 15 to 1 each v the others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 19⅘s.

Albury Handicap, 1m.—Beaver's Santiago, by Frisco—Blue Bag, 8st 9lb, inc. 2lb over (Hoystead), 1; P. J. Dillon's W.L.S., 8st (Hyland), 2; A. W. Smith's Swift's Joe, 8st 7lb (Williams), 3. Other starters: Durdans, 9st; Harvest Moon, 9st; Watergate, 7st 10lb; Firestick, 7st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 each v Harvest Moon and W.L.S., 4 to 1 each v Swift's Joe, Santiago, and Watergate, 5 to 1 v Durdans. Won by half a length. Swifty Joe was a length behind W.L.S. Time, 1m 45s.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—?, Paton's Mr. Sim, by Simmer—Decoration, 8st (Baker), 1; M. Allisar's Wild George, 8st 7lb (Glenn), 2; J. Kelly's Barbirl, 8st 2lb (Alford), 3. Other starters: Barillet, 8st; Bitter Ale, 8st; The Wilderness Maid, 8st; Bright Morn, 8st 10lb; Helma, 8st 12lb; Ballarook, 8st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Wild George, 3 to 1 v Mr. Sim, 7 to 2 v Bitellet, 7 to 1 each v Barbird and Wilderness Maid. Won by a head. Time, 1m 17⅘s.

December Handicap, 6f.—J. Duggan's Perdo, by Favor—Thetis, 9st (C. Boorn), 1; O. Williams's Lady Skopes, 8st 7lb (Hoystead), 2; D. M'Leod's George Mac, 8st 12lb (Williams), 3. Other starters: Bitter Ale, 8st 8lb; Bertha Maid, 8st 7lb, Brown Pan, 8st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Perdo, 3 to 1 v Pretoni, 5 to 1 each v Lady Skopes and George Mac, 6 to 1 v Helma, 10 to 1 v Brown Pan. Won by a head. Time, 1m 17⅘s.

Flying Welter, 7f.—P. J. Dillon's W.L.S., by Carbineer—Lingering Love, 9st (Williams), 1; J. Kennedy's Santiago, 9st 12lb (Parkinson), 2; R. Beaver's Santiago, 10st, inc. 7lb over (P. Hoystead), 3. Other starters: Swifty Joe, 9st 7lb; Fez, 8st 12lb; Simarion, 8st 10lb; Wilderness Maid, 8st; Bright Morn, 8st; Helma, 8st 12lb; Ballarook, 8st 7lb. Even money on W.L.S., 3 to 1 v Santiago, 4 to 1 v Watergate, 5 to 1 each v Swifty Joe and Simarion. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 32 4-5s.

BOWLS.

KATOOMBA CLUB.

THE PEACOCK CUP.

The following draw for the ensuing season's competition for the silver cup presented by the late Mr. Thomas Hodge (Lismore R.C.), arranged by the managing executive at Katoomba as follows:—January 8, Victoria Park Club; January 18, Petersham Club; January 30, Canterbury Club; January 30, Newcastle City No. 1 Club; February 3, Kuringai Club; February 10, Ashfield Club; February 17, North Sydney Club; February 27, Wickham Club; March 3, Burwood Club; March 10, Marrickville Club; March 17, Waverley Club; March 31, Strathfield Club; March 27, Newcastle City No. 2 Club; April 7, St. George Club; April 14, Ryde Club; April 21, Handwick No. 2 Club; May 5, St. George No. 2 Club.

The cup is to be won twice in succession or three times in all. Last year Petersham Club awarded the trophy.

CYCLING.

LITHGOW CLUB.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The result of the sweepstakes road race was:—B. Hobb (Mount Victoria), hcp. 1m 15s, 1; W. Auburn, hcp. 1m 5s, 2; P. Winsted, hcp. 1m 30s, 3. Fastest time, L. J. Orchard.

MOTOR CYCLING.

INTERSTATE TRIAL.

The following additional entries from New South Wales motor cyclists have been received for the fifth annual interstate reliability trial to be held from Melbourne to Sydney on December 29, 30, 31, and January 1:—A. Lloyd (4-h.p. B.S.A. and side-car), M'Berry (6-h.p. A.J.S. and side-car), W. E. M'Carthy (6-h.p. New Hudson and side-car), F. J. Berry (2½-h.p. Douglas), R. J. Pearce (6-h.p. Speed-cell), S. Saunders (2½-h.p. Bradbury), P. J. Dillon (6-h.p. Indian), W. W. Reynolds (4-h.p. B.S.A.), E. Sharp (Alloy (3½-h.p. James).

SWIMMING.

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CRICKET.

SYDNEY TRAMWAY ASSOCIATION.

North Sydney v. Waverley.

Played at North Sydney.—First Innings.

Williams, b 0	v. Hooker, 1;	Boland, c Hooker, b	
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b Gaffney, 66;	Scott, st Savage, b Myers, 1;	Lynch,	
c Hooker, b Myers, 5;	Bradley, c Savage, b Gaffney,		
30;	Childs, b Gaffney, 1;	Keeble, 3;	Quinn, b Keeble,
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0.	Total, 142.		

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G.P.S. COMPETITION.

Sydney Grammar School v. High School.

Played at the Sydney Grammar School ground, and won by the Grammar School by 69 runs. The High school compiled 106 runs, of which Braithwaite made 38, Frazer 40, and Byrne not out 45. The Grammar school totalled 235; Fletcher 77, Trumper 45, Donovan 40, and Cohen 22, being the highest scorers. Bowling for the Grammar School, Yates took three wickets for 53, and O. Cohen four for 46.

ATHLETICS.

ELECTRIC LIGHT SPORTS.

Members of the East Sydney, Hurlstone Park, and South Sydney clubs held a sports meeting at the Sydney sports ground last night. Results:—

SOUTH SYDNEY HARRIERS.

220yds. Handicap.—First heat: W. A. Bryant, 9yds, 1; M. J. M'Carthy, 6, 2. Time, 23 5s. Second heat: T. H. Cole, 16, and R. J. Fitzsimmons, 12, dead heat. Final: W. A. Bryant, 1; M. J. M'Carthy, 2; T. H. Cole, 3. Time, 25 4-5s.

Running Hop, Step, and Jump Handicap.—T. Frazer (alld. 3ft), 43ft 6in, 1; W. J. Foster (scr.), 41ft 6in, 2; H. D. Hinchey (alld. 3ft), 40ft 5in, 3.

EAST SYDNEY A.A.C.

75yds Handicap.—N. E. Brooks, 3½, 1; F. Nicholas, 5, 2; J. H. Robinson, 9, 3.

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Putting 12lb Shot Handicap.—T. Maher (alld. 1ft), 40ft 5in, 1; S. Rolf (alld. 15ft 6in), 42ft 11in, 2; C. Jackson (alld. 9ft 3in), 47ft 10in, 3.

HURLSTONE PARK HARRIERS.

75yds. Handicap.—First heat: A. Price, 7, 1; W. M'Leod, 10, 2, second heat: E. Nicholls, 7, 1; N. M'Leod, 12, 2. Final: N. M'Leod, 1; E. Nicholls, 2; A. Price, 3. Time, 9s.

220yds Handicap.—A. Price, 16, 1; N. M'Leod, 28, 2; W. Oliver, 4, 3.

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TRAMWAY SPORTS.

There was a large attendance at the Sydney Sports Ground yesterday, when the third annual carnival of the combined tramway depots was held under electric light. A lengthy programme of scratch and handicap events extended to a late hour. Results:—

100 Yards Handicap.—Heat winners: C. Squires, 3yds, time 10⅘s; A. J. Gibbons, 6yds, 10⅘; S. H. Eades, 2yds, 10 4-5s; J. Oliver, 6yds, 10⅘; T. Ferguson, 1yd, 11s; A. M'Kendry, 12yds, walk over; G. Millen, 8yds, 11s. Final: G. Millen, 8yds, 1; T. Ferguson, 1yd, 2; A. J. Gibbons, 6yds, 3. Time, 10 2-5s.

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440 Yards Championship.—S. Cunningham, 1; T. Ferguson, 2; C. Squires, 3. Time, 51 1-5s.

Two Miles Handicap.—J. Rose, 125yds, 1; L. B. Evans, 180yds, 2; W. R. Symons, 3. Time, 11m.

Teams' Relay Championship (teams of three, each man to run a lap).—Results: G. Cunningham, A. Wright, T. Ferguson, 1; R. Wood, G. Millen, A. Bellair, 2. One Mile Cycling Championship.—P. Dickson, 1; J. Oliver, 2. Time, 2m 16s.

Tug-o'-war.—Waverley beat Dowling-street.

Entries are due on Wednesday next for all events to be contested at Rowan's Christmas Carnival, arranged for December 25 and 26 at the Sports Ground.

BOWLS.

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THE PEACOCK CUP.

The following draw for the ensuing season's competition for the silver cup presented by the late Mr. Thomas Hodge (Lismore R.C.), arranged by the managing executive at Katoomba as follows:—January 8, Victoria Park Club; January 18, Petersham Club; January 30, Canterbury Club; January 30, Newcastle City No. 1 Club; February 3, Kuringai Club; February 10, Ashfield Club; February 17, North Sydney Club; February 27, Wickham Club; March 3, Burwood Club; March 10, Marrickville Club; March 17, Waverley Club; March 31, Strathfield Club; March 27, Newcastle City No. 2 Club; April 7, St. George Club; April 14, Ryde Club; April 21, Handwick No. 2 Club; May 5, St. George No. 2 Club.

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The result of the sweepstakes road race was:—B. Hobb (Mount Victoria), hcp. 1m 15s, 1; W. Auburn, hcp. 1m 5s, 2; P. Winsted, hcp. 1m 30s, 3. Fastest time, L. J. Orchard.

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